

Conservation Land Review Committee

August 26, 2009

Attended: Dick Arruda, Gary Langenbach, Pine duBois, Barry Mathias, Sue Chamberlain

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

Minutes from June and July 09 meetings were approved.

#### FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN

Stewardship grants have been submitted for Sampson Park and Camp Nekon. The committee agreed that the management of the forests on these parcels would be to protect and preserve the forest, not to primarily harvest the timber or increase revenue from the forest.

#### LAND OFFER

Charlotte Knells of Monks Hill Road, with land bordering Little Smelt Pond and Smelt Pond, has sold her property. She would like to subdivide her acreage to protect the corridor between the two ponds and either give it to the town or put a CR on the 2 acre parcel. Nothing has been decided yet but it is easier for her to donate it to the town.

#### SURVEY

The Open Space Committee funds that were encumbered last June were for forest management and help with a survey plan. The consensus of the committee was to have Pine contact Bob Sgarzi to survey the bounds between Camp Nekon and P.A. Landers.

#### SMELT POND

There may be money available to help restore the health of Smelt Pond. It could be restocked for fishing as well. Check with the Clean Lakes Program at DCR and Fish and Game. Steve Hurley and Mary Griffith are contacts.

#### STATE FOREST

Need to find out what DCR is doing about the fire roads and state forest access. Can we piggyback? Many are very rutted and some are impassable.

#### UNAUTHORIZED VEHICLES

Continue to press for signs for access areas. Try to get them up by October 1.

#### SENSITIVE AREAS

It will be important to identify sensitive areas and mark them for protection. We may want to provide CR's for these areas. We need to show how wide an area around the sensitive areas needs to be protected as a buffer on the plans. It should be recommended that the town consider placing these sensitive areas under the jurisdiction of the

Conservation Commission. These would include: wetlands around Smelt Pond, Rocky Pond, and any vernal pools or potential vernal pools.

#### OTHER INFO NEEDED and ACTIONS for COMMITTEE

The committee looked **at** Sue's potential format for conservation land plans.

Included that need to still be addressed in the Camp Nekon plans are:

Maps: GIS, topographic, etc. **Pine** will talk to Tom Bott about GIS maps and check with Thorndike about their maps.

Geology, Soils, and Hydrology – **Gary** will contact Jim Turrane and work with Maureen to provide a paragraph about this.

Deeds – **Mark** has gotten some of these

Management Agreement – **Dick** will find out about State lease for Fire Tower

Species inventory – **Gary** will find out about Conservation Core Habitat

#### ACTIONS

**Gary:** Follow up with Town Administrator about Town Counsel coming up with language for the signage at the conservation land access points.

**Dick:** Speak with police chief about how to stop the vandalism and quad damage

**Pine:** Write or talk to Thorndike Development about help with access and fire roads in State Forest and Camp Nekon

**Sue:** Continue to research potential money for Smelt Pond (Sue is away most of Sept.)

**Barry:** check on machine for making signs with Paul Basler and check on how Austin Mason is doing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25

Next meeting is set for September 23, 2009 at 7 p.m.

Submitted by:

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