

Rochester Conservation Commission
Minutes of the June 26, 2013 Meeting
Non-Public Session
(Approved July 24, 2013)

Members Present:
Deborah Shigo, Chair
Jack Hackett
Meredeth Lineweber
Mark Jennings
Jeff Winders

Member Excused
Michael Dionne, Vice Chair

Staff: Caroline Lewis, Recording Secretary

The Chair convened the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

**Non-Public Discussion Pursuant to RSA 91-a:3 II (d):
Discussion of acquisition of real property.**

At 7:40 p.m. Mark Jennings made a motion to go into non-public session. Meredeth Lineweber seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Hope Farm

Molly and Charlene Sanborn joined the Conservation Commission members at the table. The Chair noted Mr. Sanborn had dropped off the appraisal and she and Mark Jennings had reviewed it. She handed the appraisal to Jeff Winders to review. The Chair also had the LACE forms that were done for this property.

Mark Jennings noted the appraisal value was high based on the length of road frontage for this property, both on Peaslee Road and Lowell Street.

The Sanborns and Commission members discussed the acreage of the property, the drainage issues, possible funding, contacting Bambi Miller for help with this project, a 3 acre out parcel, this being an educational working farm, presenting information to the Council, and other issues.

Jack Hackett made a motion to continue the steps necessary to put the Hope Farm property under easement. Meredeth Lineweber seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chair stated she will contact Bambi Miller and have her work with the Conservation Commission going forward on this project. She wants to have a great presentation for the Council, with pictures, produce, letters of support, information about it being a educational farm; an entire package showing the value of having this property put under easement.

The Chair advised Mr. & Mrs. Sanborn they do not need to attend every Conservation Commission meeting going forward, but will be included in all the steps as this process goes along. The Commission thanks the Sanborns for coming to the meeting.

Crowell Property – Dry Hill Road

The Chair discussed the site walk done on Sunday, June 23rd. She completed a LACE form on this property, and would like as many members of the Commission as possible to contact the owner in order to do a site walk. LACE forms should be done and will be discussed at the next non-public meeting.

Jeff Winders stated he had contacted one of Mr. Crowell's sons about the property and had gone to Strafford Regional Planning and had some aerial photos of the property printed up.

The members discussed the property and its many trails, the old farm type dump on the property, the out parcel of approximately 20 acres and other issues. The Chair would like to discuss this property again after more members have been to the site.

Birch property – Salmon Falls Road

The Chair asked Meredeth Lineweber to contact Mr. Arthur Birch about his property.

Gilbert property

The Chair asked Mark Jennings to contact Mr. Gilbert to see what he would like to do with his property.

Clement Property – Old Bickford Road

The Chair noted that the Clement easement was moving along, the deeds are being reviewed. The closing should be soon.

At 8:25 p.m. Jack Hackett made a motion to come out of non-public session and seal the minutes. Jeff Winders seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

At 8:30 p.m. Meredeth Lineweber made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mark Jennings. The motion passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline Lewis
Recording Secretary