
Conservation Commission Minutes 02/24/2016

Date: February 24, 2016

Attendees: Carol Irvin, Neal Brown, Karen Day, Conrad Dumas, Janet Renaud, Bob Marshall, and Janet Lutkus

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm. The following items were addressed:

- Introduction of Bob Marshall and his candidacy for the Selectboard – Bob Marshall.
 - Bob discussed what he thought were the most important issues facing the town, including controlling the growth of taxes, addressing significant building issues, the town's savings rate, and Greenfield's continued growth and need for increased services.
 - Bob believes as the town grows economically, it will grow around recreational possibilities. Greenfield needs to preserve this space while maximizing its potential. Bob believes that the Conservation Commission has a key role to play in advising about the soundest areas for development and public use.
- Update: RFP for treatment of invasives – Reports from Neal.
 - Sunset Lake: Waiting for warm weather to see how extensive the regrowth of the phragmites will be.
 - Neal has incorporated comments from Carol into the RFP for addressing the invasives on the conserved portion of Ray Cilley's property.
 - Action Item: Neal will finalize the RFP and get it out to vendors.
- Forest management plan for town properties
 - Karen reports no progress on the issue of the Conservation Commission's stewardship regarding the George Proctor property. She has not been able to address the board about getting their final decision.
 - Carol said the commission may have to wait until after the election to engage the board.
- "Saving Special Places" conference coming up on April 9th in Alton, NH. – Carol circulated the flyer among the commission. This is a day-long conference with a \$60.00 fee.
- Planning for the Roadside Roundup – Carol and commission members.
 - The date for the Roadside Roundup is April 30th.
 - Thursday April 21st was proposed for stuffing envelopes at the Greenfield library.

It was agreed that the contests with prizes were a draw for the kids and got better participation for the dinner last year. After discussion, the commission decided to offer first, second, and third prizes for all kids 12 and under who collect the most bags. Members were open to the idea of awarding a few more prizes but did not conclude what these prizes would be awarded for.

The dinner will be the traditional ham and beans and include sundaes.

Advertising will include an announcement in the Spirit, a flyer at the Harvester Market, the town sign, and a presentation at the school.

- Action item: Karen will order bags and pick them up, she will also handle the flyer and the announcement in the Spirit. She will also determine whether Patrick can work

that Saturday to get the tables set up at the meeting house.

- Action item: Neal will organize the GIVers for the envelop stuffing party, work on getting the ice cream and toppings for the sundaes, and the distribution of the fly at the school, working through Karen Paul.
 - Action item: Conrad will approach the Harvester Market about their support for the event.
 - Action item: Carol will talk to Carol Burgess about getting a dumpster at the recycling center and she will also work with Catherine to get envelopes and postage stamps.
- Telephone pole installment on Swamp Road – Report from Carol.
 - The commission has received notification from Eversource that they are going to put in 5 new poles on Swamp Road to service a new home. Two of the poles will go into wetlands and will disturb about 8 feet. Karen expressed concern about what the poles made of and soaked in. This information was not provided in the paperwork from Eversource.
 - Action item: Janet R will contact agent in charge to find out what poles are made of and what they have been treated with.
 - Carol brought up Ray Cilley's suggestion about giving away seedlings to plant for the June 25th 225th town anniversary at Oak Park.
 - The commission discussed the idea.
 - Neal discussed another alternative: a commemorative Oak to be planted in Oak Park or on other town location.
 - Conrad suggested tabling the discussion until next meeting and the group agreed.

The meeting officially adjourned at 8:50 PM. The next meeting is March 23, 2016 at 7:30 pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Janet Lutkus to Carol Irvin for approval, corrections, and distribution.