Conservation Commission January 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes, DRAFT
Location: Zoom  The meeting was called to order at 6:36 P.M.
Present: Mary Ann Hill, Robert Wiener, Shawn Hanson, James Kibler, Paul Melanson, Cathy Golas, Karen Ayers, Alternate
Absent: Nancy Roka, Glenn Schrempf, Dale Ohsberg, Lou Gargiulo, Selectman
Guests: Mark West, Craig Annis, Crystal Eastman-Varney and Frank Varney

Mark West:  Mark presented the proposed plan for a single house lot subdivision at 200 Kensington Road, Map 1 Lot 47-1, across from the Raspberry Farm on behalf of Mr. Annis. They asked about needing a variance from buffer setback. It was mentioned that the understanding was that the 200 Kensington property was sold with the restriction that only one single family dwelling be constructed on the property. Mr. Annis said he was open to considering a conservation easement in lieu of a house. James would like to review options with Mr. Annis.

Crystal Easeman: Crystal presented a logging plan for a Falls Cove property, Map 6 Lot 20, a forested wetland to be used for hunting. They outlined a selective logging plan to clear 60% of the larger Pine trees using procedures that would take into consideration the presence of Prime Wetlands. Crystal was asked about stream crossings and plans after cutting. She said they did not have a forester review the property. Concerns were raised because the Town’s forester has recommended not logging the Town Forest without the ground being frozen solid and the same conditions may apply here as well. Crystal and Frank will host a site visit for the Commission on Saturday, January 23, at 9AM.

Raspberry Farm/Town Forest:
• Karen is organizing a trail work day for January 30. May conflict with the deliberative session.
• Mary Ann would like to organize a work day for invasive plants along the margin of the field and/or by the pond in February 13th. We will have the Fire Department on site so we can burn the invasive plants we remove.

Marsh Lane:
• Signs for the Marsh Lane preserve have arrived and are being mounted by the road agent.
• Will try to ascertain the lot line now that leaves are gone. Will use a metal detector to find the iron rods.

Old Stage Road Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act violation:
• No report

Planning Board/ZBA: Nothing new.
SHEA:
• SHEA is hosting a zoom presentation of ditching in the salt marsh: Why it was done, the effects of ditching, and repair of the salt marsh, on January 27th.
• SHEA has also received a $24,000 grant towards the Salt Marsh Management plan that Ms. Durfee outlined for us at a previous meeting.

Clay brook Forest: The Clay Brook Forest project has been awarded grants from ARM and LCHIP. There are a few details to work out. Waiting on a report from the Forest Society.

Other:
• M. Hill has the permit from Jones and Beach for a new culvert to replace two existing culverts at King St. and the Taylor River if anyone is interested in reviewing it.
• M. Hill reported that she has signed up to take the Pesticide Safety Supervisory class offered by the UNH extension.
• CC was contacted by SELT concerning property off East Rd. Property has good conservation potential and abuts the Marsh Lane Preserve. CC will reach out to the owner.

Financial report:
• Our December budget balance was $6,750.30. The bill for the Marsh Lane signs was paid January 7th so the fiscal yearend balance was $6,646.78. Shawn made a motion to move the year end budget balance into the Conservation Fund, James seconded. Motion Passed.
• The Peoples United Bank CD is due to roll over on January 18, 2021 because of our commitment to Clay Brook. Shawn made the motion to not roll over the CD and put the balance in the Conservation Fund, James seconded. Motion Passed.
• Minutes: Minutes from October 20, 2020 were reviewed. Shawn made a motion to accept the minutes as written, James seconded. Motion Passed.
• Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted, Mary Ann Hill  Next meeting will be February 9, 2021