

MEETING MINUTES

ALBANY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, April 7th, 6:00 pm

Members present: Rob Nadler, Jack Rose, Cort Hansen, Paul Brown. Dick VanDyne, alternate. Peter Carboni, Planning Board observer.

Rob called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Rob asked if there were any comments regarding the minutes of the 3/3/15 meeting. With no comments, Jack made a motion to approve the minutes of the 3/3/15 Conservation Commission meeting. The motion was seconded, a vote was taken and the minutes were approved 4-0.

A discussion was held on the proposed lease of the NH F&G lot, the former DOT site. Jack has been sent a copy of a stock lease that is used by NHFG for their agricultural leases that is not quite applicable to the intended use of the NHFG lot. Jack said he would work out the details to make it specific to our use.

Rob noted the recent awarding of a USVLT \$6,000 grant to help bring power and water service to the field area. He pointed out that the two farmers planning on using the fields both had no requirements for water this season, but Dow at least, would need water in 2016.

Cort reviewed a recent conversation he had with the new Saco District Ranger, Jim Innes who was following up on a letter Cort had sent to Forest Supervisor Tom Wagner regarding meeting with representatives of the USFS and the conservation commission to discuss field burning and the access issue to the field. Innes indicated that coordinating time with Wagner would be the biggest challenge but that he would work that out. Cort also noted that he had not had any response to the Bragg letter he had sent on 3/13 detailing our requirements for use of the field for a wedding in August.

Rob asked Jack about the recent selectmen's meeting seeking alternatives to serve on the Conservation Commission.

Rob indicated that the Town needs to invoice farmers for their leases now that the leases were in effect. A similar discussion covered the airplane club and the need to have a liability policy on record. Dick suggested having a representative attend the next meeting.

The topic of working on brush cutting and mowing the field was discussed with a Saturday work day to be planned over the next few weeks and perhaps a Friday session as well. Jack brought up the topic of a sign for the field to be placed along Rt 16. Rob said he would contact William at the USVLT to find out what he needed to acknowledge other grant organizations before the sign design was formalized.

Dick, who has been researching alternative deposit ideas for the keeping of town conservation funds, suggested that we investigate this further, since municipal interest rates on certificates of deposits were at such a low rate of return, it did not make any sense to move the fund from the present account.

With no other topics to address, Jack moved to adjourn the meeting. With a second from Paul, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Cort Hansen, Conservation Commission Secretary.