

MINUTES
Underhill Conservation Commission
October 10, 2016
Underhill Town Hall

Present: Karen McKnight, Amy Golodetz, Betsy Chapek, Daphne Tanis, Laurie Graham, Nancy McRae, Peter Hiskes, Pat Lamphere, Dan Steinbauer

Absent: none

Welcome and Opening Remarks: Karen reviewed the agenda and welcomed all.

Public Comment: No person(s) were present for public comment.

Approval Minutes: September 12, 2016 minutes approved.

Discussion:

Signage Update

Amy gave an update for the latest quotes from Signarama for the brook signs at \$80/ a piece. The signs the UCC would request be made are the following: Mill Brook (1), Browns River (2), roaring Brook (1) and Crane Brook (1). Discussion among members pursued regarding; height of post (5 feet, 8 feet), type of post hardware (special steel), 2-sided signs, and installation set-backs. Mounting post and hardware were quoted from Signarama at 54.25 'a piece'.

Dan and Pat suggested it would be best to inquire with The Town, Nate Sullivan, who could consult catalogs and get the price. Amy took the action item to talk to Nate Sullivan.

Dan asked about the cost of the Crane Brook Trail signs. Nancy moved we should spend up to \$275 on the two(2) Crane Brook Trail Signs (\$120/pc) to be replaced and required hardware for one. Motion was moved and approved by the Commission.

Question arose about where, specifically, the Fuller Road Crane Brook sign be placed. Amy offered to research town maps. Karen and Daphne both agreed they generally knew the area where the missing sign was previously placed.

Town Capital Improvement Plan Update

Karen shared that she put in a request for a projector and screen with The Town's Capital Improvement Board.

Coverts Project Debrief

Amy shared, we now have two(2) town 'Coverts Cooperators' trained in the town of Underhill. One being, John Koir, and Amy would report back on the other person. Daphne suggested her

neighbor, Rod Fuller, might be a candidate for Coverts planning. Amy gave brochure to Daphne to present to Rod and Julie.

Trail Easement Albertini Property

Karen passed out copies of the TRAIL EASEMENT DEED for the Albertini properties development. Karen explained this is a PERPETUAL EASEMENT to the town of Underhill for the purposes constructing and maintaining a recreational pathway for public use (part of the Crane Brook Trail). The members of the Underhill Conservation Commission are grateful for the gift.

Black Bear Project - Sue Morse 10-18 Bear Show Update

Betsy and Daphne discussed work done in the past month for the Sue Morse Bear Show. Betsy did an extensive job in awareness and advertising; posting 20 posters, visiting local schools and local businesses. Nancy set up posters in Cambridge. Daphne talked to teachers and principal at BRMS. Betsy arranged for posting on the Clark Trucks community board. Betsy sent out 3 to 4 Front Porch Forums.

At this time the Commission had not procured a PA System for the show. The commission discussed possible sources for a PA System.

Tasks assigned for the 10-18-16 evening event are as follows:

- Introduction and Welcome – Daphne
- Lights – Daphne
- Food Runner – Amy
- PA System - Walt Tanis
- Clean up – Dan, Karen, everyone

Ash Tree Inventory Project

Dan gave an update. It appears to not be much activity with Tree Stewards group, as to date, this year's conference has not been scheduled. Dan continues to work on a town FPF article announcing EAB Survey activities. Due to hunting season and winter identification, EAB Surveys will be postponed until the spring.

Other –ACT 64 Manure Placement Issue for Small Farmers

Daphne shared an article, 'Runoff Rules Irk Farmers', from the Burlington Free Press. Her concern is that this may become an issue for local residents.

Adjournment: The motion to adjourn was moved by Daphne and seconded by Karen. The meeting was officially adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, November 14, 2016, 6:30 p.m., Underhill Town Hall

Respectfully submitted, Daphne Tanis, 9-12-16 **draft V2 dpt**

