

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF CONWAY, MA
MINUTES
October 1, 2007

Meeting Open: 7:30

Present: Christina Conklin, Joe Strzegowski, Jack Lochhead, Tom Spiro

Appointments

7:30 Conservation Commission - Peter Jeswald, Tom Miner, Jessica Roberts, Alexa Flanders, Dean Scudder, Bob Baker.

Peter wanted to make sure that no adversarial relationship existed between the Conservation Commission and the Selectboard as Joe had suggested to Tony Zaharis of DEP. He also noted that the Commission does not speak with individual voices. Joe felt that Tom Miner made it most difficult to do work on Old Cricket Hill Road. The Selectboard said that they did not want the town to spend money for an engineer. Peter noted that the Conservation Commission cannot wave any part of work required by the DEP nor do they have the ability to make decisions on wetlands regulations or endangered species regulations. Jessica Roberts noted that limited project NOIs are completed based on local standards. Therefore time to completion can vary but must still follow wetlands requirements. It was said that each project will be different based on DEP regulations and jurisdictional requirements. Jack and Christina ask if the Commission can work more with the Selectboard on approvals. Jessica said that they can try to give more leeway as requested. Peter noted that engineering should be used to protect private landowners. He also said that if work is done outside the resource area it can be completed without DEP or Commission review.

Bob was asked if the Commission was easy to work with. He had mixed reactions based on Old Cricket Hill Road and requirements for the new dry hydrant on N. Poland Road. The Commission suggested that the SB submit calculations for the watershed area and file and NOI. They will review and pass on to DEP for a determination.

8:20 Bob Baker – Personnel request

A DPW worker wants to take unpaid time off after he had already used all of his vacation time for the year. The personnel policy noted that a leave may be requested by employees with one or more time on the job. The Board did not approve this request and Bob will advise him of this decision.

Meeting Items

- § Approved minutes of 9/24/07
- § There were two bids on the Fournier Lot for our timber sale. The winning bid was \$10,500 from Jack Doody, Ed Klause also bid \$7,945.00.
- § Vault price is ok for upstairs.
- § Senator Downing meeting ok for 10/11/07 at 6:00PM.
- § Performance contracting must be approved as a performance project before the work commences.
- § Jack reported on the Regional Housing Authority meeting with the Housing Committee. The RHA buildings must not include any garages and no town money, which would instigate Massachusetts building laws. The town would have to sell or rent the land to the RHA and could limit housing to elderly people.
- § RCAP Solutions, Inc will come to town and perform a study on a small centralized sewer system.
- § Jack was authorized to sign the invoice for the Rose Field survey.
- § Next meeting moved to 10/11/07 to meet with Senator Downing.

Mail and Other Items

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- § Warrants signed as per agenda
- § Other mail items as per agenda

9:30 PM

Motion to adjourn by Joe, 2nd by Jack, all in favor.