

Minutes from the Allenstown Conservation Commission  
April 12, 2006, Allenstown Town Hall

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Commissioners present were Laura Bonk, Jenna Gray, Al Heavey, and David Evans

1. Nominations of Officers

A. Heavey nominated David Evans for the position of Chair with a second by J. Gray. D. Evans accepted the nomination. Vote was unanimous.

J. Gray nominated Al Heavey for the position of Vice Chair with a second by D. Evans.

A. Heavey accepted the nomination. Vote was unanimous.

There were no nominations for the position of secretary.

J. Gray indicated that she is thinking of letting her term expire without seeking renewal but will still attend some meetings. J. Gray's term expired April 1, 2006. The Allenstown Conservation Commission thanks Jenna for all of her hard work and dedication.

2. J. Gray reported that the ACC may be getting \$10,000 in land use tax. This money would be placed in the Conservation Fund. L. Bonk stated that the Conservation Fund stipulates by law what the funds can be used for including education and land purchases. The general fund is used by the ACC for general purposes.

3. Old Business

Ethan Hipple was looking into getting a recycling program in Allenstown. There was no report from E. Hipple. J. Gray looked into getting a recycling trailer, but the company in Manchester that had the trailers no longer does it. J. Gray indicated that she may work on this issue on her own as a private citizen.

L. Bonk reported that the Zoning Board is allowing the owners to build a house on the lot at 209 Deerfield Road if the owners put the rest of the property into a conservation easement. L. Bonk directed the owners to contact Bear Paw to get the conservation easement. ACC decided that this is not an issue to be concerned with.

The land swap that involved a parcel of land adjacent to the police station was reported by L. Bonk that the consensus on the conservation list serves was that it was legal.

Got notice from the R2C2 of an upcoming meeting on 4/20/2006. The group has seen a decline in active participation lately with no quorum at the March meeting. There is also no voting member from Allenstown. D. Evans said he will attend the meeting. L. Bonk mentioned it was good place to get ideas.

No word recently on the Tennessee Gas pipe project. It is unknown if the company has completed work.

No recent updates on the proposed campground at the bottom of Ferry Street.

2006 Membership dues for the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions have not been paid. D. Evans submitted the invoice for the dues to be paid in the amount of \$225.00.

It was reported by J. Gray that there is still one outstanding Wetlands Violation for a culvert repair in Holiday Acres. L. Bonk will do a site inspection.

4. L. Bonk mentioned that she has a couple of goals for this upcoming year. She would like to work on the establishment of town forests for a couple of town owned parcels which would need to go on the warrant for 2007. She would also like to see a small park established at 2 Albin Ave where the current car-top boat launch is located. J. Gray advised that the Board of Selectmen are against the establishment of the park and are against the ACC from completing the river bank erosion control project. L. Bonk mentioned that the Wetlands Permit for the project indicated that it was written for public safety. J. Gray said the permit expires on November 30, 2010. The Albin Ave. project will be tabled.

5. Road Side Clean – Up

ACC set a date for the road side cleanup for May 6, 2006. The ACC will work on cleaning up Canal Street, Deerfield Road, River Road, and Dodge Road. L. Bonk will place an announcement at Pembroke Academy for volunteers. D. Evans will talk with the Allenstown Fire Fighters Association to get volunteers. D. Evans will also post fliers around town advertising the event. All interested volunteers will meet at the Allenstown Town Hall on School Street at 10 a.m. The cleanup will run from 10:00 to 12:00 p.m. Depending on the turn out will depend on how many roads get cleaned up. ACC members will bring trash bags

6. River Clean-Up

The annual ACC River Cleanup will possibly take place in September.

7. ACC received a petition from the Oxbow Project. The project is concerned about the proposed land fill along the Merrimack River in Canterbury. This was tabled until the May Meeting.

8. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Next Allenstown Conservation Commission meeting will be on May 10, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Allenstown Town Hall.