

Allenstown Conservation Commission

Date: Wednesday, November 8, 2006

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Allenstown Town Hall

Minutes

The meeting began at 7:10 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Al Heavey, Ethan Hipple, and Laura Bonk

Guests Present: None

1. Approve the minutes of May 10, 2006 and June 14, 2006 meetings

For the May 10, 2006 minutes, E. Hipple motioned to approve and L. Bonk seconded. Minutes approved unanimously. For the June 14, 2006 meetings, A. Heavey motioned to approve and E. Hipple seconded. Minutes approved unanimously.

2. Discuss the minutes of July 12, 2006 and September 13, 2006

The proposed landfill on the Merrimack river was discussed and it was noted that the project is formally postponed. No Action needed at this time.

3. Review September 16, 2006 Suncook River Cleanup

Both the Allenstown and Pembroke sides of the Suncook River were cleaned within one-quarter mile of the confluence with the Merrimack River. Also, the Suncook River was cleaned from 2 Albin Ave. to Bourque St. Six hard-working volunteers were present from the Merrimack County Diversion Program. A. Heavey and L. Bonk were also present as was Mrs. Heavey, P. Trowbridge and A. Santiago. 17 trash bags were filled and 20 tires stacked. The Allenstown administrator was notified to remove the tires.

4. TD Banknorth Account # 00009721538944

In accordance with RSA 36-A:5, L. Bonk made a motion to have the above bank account be an official Conservation Fund. E. Hipple seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

5. Discussed creating a Town Forest with one or two parcels of town owned land. Reviewed possible parcels. Discussed warrant article process.

The following parcels were discussed to have them converted to a town forest:

Map 402, Lot 109.1, 16 acres

Map 402, Lot 115, 4.4 acres

Map 402, Lot 116, 9.2 acres

L. Bonk agreed to follow-through with Kelley Collins regarding the warrant article process.

6. Discussed creating a Town Park at 2 Albin Ave. Discussed warrant article process.

It was discussed that the town owned land at 2 Albin Ave. should be used for public enjoyment without major physical changes to the parcel. L. Bonk agreed to follow-through with Kelley Collins regarding the warrant article process.

7. Reviewed mail received from September through November 8, 2006. Discussed action plans for certain mail items.

L. Bonk agreed to do a summary for the Town Report as requested by K. Collins. Several letters were received from NH Department of Environmental Services. Two were wetlands permits and notifications, 2 were air permits, and 1 was a wetlands complaint (file #2006-02496) dated October 2, 2006. This violation was on Map 402 Lot 117 on Pauper Rd. in Allenstown. It was discussed whether or not this also occurred on the Allenstown owned land on Map 402 Lot 116. L. Bonk agreed to visit the site.

8. Other business

- It was discussed to have a January, 2007 event with Eric Orff regarding bird boxes or tracking. It was agreed to offer him an honorarium. L. Bonk will follow-through.
- E. Hipple announced that 20 Americorps Volunteers living at Bear Brook State Park are available to do a project in Allenstown. It was discussed that they should visit the town owned parcels and look for various types of problems (litter, illegal logging, squatters, wetland violations, among other things.)

9. **Confirmed Next Meeting:**

- Wed., December 13, 2006 7:00 p.m., Allenstown Town Hall