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Cape Elizabeth Conservation Commission

Tuesday, February 14, 2006

Agenda

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Minutes of January 10, 2005 meeting
3. Correspondence: Memorandum to Town Council re: Nordic Skiing

Memo from Town Manager re: Nordic Skiing

Letter re: Golden Ridge Easement Recording

4. Gull Crest Trails Implementation. The Commission may want to discuss the progress made on the Fowler Rd Connector Trail.

5. Trails Day 2007. Commission members may want to discuss preparation for this year's Trails Day on June 3rd.

6. Winnick Woods Habitat grant/policy development. The Rachel Carson Wildlife Refuge has received funding for New England Cottontail habitat management and has inquired if Cape Elizabeth would like to participate. The Town Council is reluctant to participate in any New England Cottontail management until they can further explore the consequences/possible restrictions on town property. See attached.

7. Planning Board meeting. See attached agenda.

8. Monthly Trail Walk Selection.

9. Adjourn meeting. The next Conservation Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14, 2006.

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Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, December 13, 2005

Attendance: (commission members) Mike Pulsifer, John Herrick, Mike Duddy, David Sterling, Jonah Rosenfield, (Town Planner) Maureen O'Meara and (guests) Dick Bauman, Seth Sprague, Jon Greene, John Mitchell, Skip Murray

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.
2. Minutes of the November 2005 meeting were accepted as written (5-0).
3. Two pieces of correspondence were considered by the Commission: (a) an invoice which summarized the donation by L.P. Murray & Sons toward the Spurwink River Bridge and (b) the Commission's recommendation to the Town Council regarding the Garfield Land Donation Offer. A motion was passed by the Commission to publicly thank Skip Murray for his donation towards the construction of the Spurwink River Bridge project (5-0).
4. The Commission discussed, at length, the current status of the Great Pond Easement and is excited to work with the Sprague Corporation on this project. Regarding specific ideas about the Great Pond Easement, the Commission referred back to the recommendations made to the Town Council. The Conservation Commission and Sprague Corporation will work together and exchange ideas on easement language before submitting any documents to the Town Council for acceptance.
5. The Commission met with John Mitchell and Skip Murray regarding the applicant's request of a Resource Protection Permit for the Spurwink Woods Development Project. After a great deal of conversation, the Commission recommended (5-0) acceptance of the RPP on the condition that the applicant install a culvert between Aster Road and South Street in order to connect the wetlands that exist on either side.
6. The Conservation Commission reviewed one item on the December Planning Board Agenda: The Raftice Private Accessway Permit. Following a long discussion in which Commission members reviewed the plans and spoke with John Mitchell, the Commission recommended (4-1) that the Planning Board approve the applicant's Resource Protection Permit on the condition that the applicant mitigate potential wetland disruption by abandoning the mowing of approximately 2500 ft² of wetland on the property
7. A discussion of Gull Crest trail projects will take place during the January 2006 Conservation Commission meeting.
8. The Conservation Commission was pleased to have the opportunity to discuss the Winnick Woods Master Plan with the Town Council. The Town Council will hold a public hearing on a proposed master plan for Winnick Woods on Monday, Jan. 9, in the Town Hall chamber.
9. No trail walks are planned before the next Conservation Commission meeting.
10. Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m. The next Conservation

Commission meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2006.

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