

Rebecca and Betsy need to renew their commitment to the conservation commission. Both agreed to re-up for another term.

Joe Nangle gave us an update on the LCHIP properties in Manchester which are in dispute. Manchester is running out of water and wants to pump water out of the river. They have 15 acres up river and 7 acres down river. The 7 acre parcel has clean water they can pump, while the 15-acre parcel upriver is muddier. They have proposed a swap with Fish & Game, the current owner of the 7-acre site, who would receive the 15 acre parcel in return. Joe penned a letter to Pierre Bruno expressing our concern for the land swap. Rep. Bruno told Joe that the House has not yet seen a copy of the bill, and would address concerns such as ours once it leaves the Senate. The concern is over the fact that private funds were donated to the acquisition of the property. We are afraid that if this swap goes through, it would discourage other private donations for public conservation land acquisitions in the future.

Trish Gordon onsite. It was walked last week, and Betsy wants to know how the planning board can evaluate wetlands in the snow. Planning board says that the wetlands were flagged before the snow.

Lordon's are preparing to subdivide their land up on McCurdy road. The first proposed plan has 15 house sites on it.

DES sent us a letter on Piscataquag River Management Committee. We no longer have a local rep, but all of the other towns do. We need to get the name of a volunteer to the Selectmen. Kate suggested going to PWA with the request and seeing if they knew about anyone.

LCIP monitoring – Mary Carol has taken care of this.

Meadow Road. On the Wini Brown and Will Dodge and John Buttons all donated their meadowland to the town and PWA. There was one piece which these parcels surround, which has been sold and is being developed. This is meadowland and we considered to be un-developable. The building inspector conveyed a permit, although there is not 1.5 acres of contiguous dry land. Building inspector sent a cease and desist. Then, the builder had his attorney pull the deed. It turns out that the landowner owns the land under the road, which gave him the required land under the 1.5 acre exclusionary rule.

Kate is going to follow up on the Kodak American Greenways Awards Program Grant.

Betsy wants to do a large, fold out brochure which shows their conservation lands. She brought an example of one that was produced by New Ipswich. It is a 17 x 24 two sided sheet that is folded into a size that fits into your pocket. Kate said that she has been experimenting with a draft brochure. Kate, Mary Carol and Betsy are going to work on an outline for topics to include in the brochure for the next meeting.

After looking at the maps, we decided that we would push to conduct an on-site on the Trish Gordon property after the snow clears.

For Lordon Lumber, McCurdy Road, tax map 12-18 and 12-96, we consulted the preliminary plans for review.

Next meeting is April 3rd.

Meeting adjourned at 9:39pm

Respectfully Submitted.
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