

***Town of Groton Conservation Commission***  
***754 North Groton Road***  
***Groton, NH 03241***

Meeting Minutes

11 April 2013

Meeting convened at 7:01 PM

Meeting ended at 8:37PM

Attendance: Alison Bagley, Robert Ferriere, Louis Lieto, Paula Stata, Nancy Watson  
Miles Sinclair, Selectman, was in attendance

The minutes for the 3/18 meeting were not yet available for review.

A brief discussion of proposed financial policy for the CC was had. It was agreed (5,0,0,0) that expenditures would be made after approval by the CC and that two signatures, Chair & Vice Chair or designates, will be required for reimbursement.

Lou led a discussion of the role of the CC versus that of the Kimball Hill Property Acquisition Committee (KHPAC). In summary, the CC exists to provide the Town with appropriate information about the characteristics of any land in the Town. Such characteristics include but are not limited to soil/water quality, flora & fauna issues and features, forest and forest management issues, and other similar matters that impact on the management of land in Groton. As such, the CC shall be a resource to the KHPAC on these matters. The KHPAC has the responsibility to recommend to the Select Board, appropriate action regarding the Kimball Hill Property. All members understood and agreed with this.

Lou updated the CC on his report to the Select Board and reported that they agreed to our request for two members on the KHPAC.

Lou provided a paper copy of a proposed letter to Timbervest (electronic copy provided earlier). The letter was discussed.

Lou reported on his conversation with Brian Hotz of the Society for the Protection of NH Forests. Copies of a grant application for the KH property prepared by the Society in 2008 had been electronically distributed to the CC. The application was discussed and it was agreed to ask Mr. Hotz to present his findings to the Town in a public session. Lou to follow up with Brian.

Members who attended the "Saving Special Places" conference reported on the sessions they attended and all attendees felt the program was valuable.

Actions:

Motion: Have Lou and Bob serve on the KHPAC. Paula moved/Nancy seconded; passed 5,0,0,0

Motion: Approve the letter to Timbervest. Alison moved/Bob seconded; passed 5,0,0,0

Motion: Send the letter to Timbervest. Nancy moved/Bob seconded; passed 5,0,0,0

Meeting adjourned 8:37 PM

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\* Votes are recorded as yes, no, abstain, absent