

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

Meeting Minutes

11 April 2013

Meeting convened at 6:35 PM

Meeting ended at 8:10PM

Attendance: Robert Ferriere, Louis Lieto, Paula Stata, Nancy Watson, Slim Spafford and Miles Sinclair*, Selectman, were in attendance. Mr. Spafford came in late.

Old Business:

The minutes for 3/28 were approved, Nancy moved, Robert second, 4,0,0,0

The minutes for 4/11 were approved, Paula moved, Nancy second, 4,0,0,0

New Business:

Paula and Nancy agreed to serve as Co-Secretaries.

A lengthy discussion was had about the information learned from Brian Hotz's presentation to the Town on 5/8. The consensus was that there is no reason seen at present not to pursue the acquisition of the KH property by the Town. There was some discussion as to the responsibility to perform due diligence under various arrangements, i.e. No conservation easement, a conservation easement owned by the Town who also owns the fee, and a conservation easement owned by a third party while the Town owns the fee. It was concluded that the owner of the easement must perform the due diligence and if there is no easement, there is no due diligence required by statute.

There was a consensus that the KHPAC will need to obtain a competent value assessment for the property. This Commission will continue to learn more about the characteristic of the property. Slim offered that he knew a Mr. Quentin Mack as a competent Forrester who might help us. Lou was charged with contacting UNH Cooperative Extension, specifically Matt Tarr, to see what services they may be able to offer.

Lou & Robert will follow up with the KHPAC to follow up with the Timbervest Forrester (Dave Daut) to schedule a tour and whatever else is needed.

Some discussion of the specific limitations that RSA 36-A:4 imposes on this Commission was had. Miles will pursue the matter with LGC and report back.

Members discussed the cleanup of the Town pond. Each member will send Lou a list of the dates over the next 2/3 weeks that they could be available for a cleanup. The Select Board will be asked to solicit help from residents for the date that works best for the CC members.

Action Items:

Paula and Nancy were approved as co-secretaries, Lou moved, Robert seconded, 5,0,0,0

Future meetings will be on Thursdays at 6:30 PM at monthly intervals unless otherwise decided. The next meetings will be as follows: 5/23, 6/20, 7/18, 8/15, 9/12, 10/10, 11/7, 12/5

* Non-voting Select Board liaison

All votes are recorded as yes, no, abstain, absent