Conservation Commission   Minutes   May 10, 2018

In attendance: Slim Spafford, Chair, Gina Rescigno, Vice-Chair, Ruth Gaffey, Secretary, Elizabeth Jespersen, Ray Blake, Planning Board Liaison

Meeting called to order at 7:14 p.m.

Minutes were read. Ray Blake made a motion to accept and this was seconded by Elizabeth Jesperson. All were in favor and the minutes were accepted as written.

Fishing Derby:

Slim asked if all was in order for the derby to be held on Saturday, June 2nd. Gina reported that John had spoken to Sara regarding the arrangements for a portapotty. Elizabeth will check with Sarah on Monday to check that it has been ordered.

Food will be provided by Gina and Ruth and Elizabeth.

Gina and John put up the fishing derby signs and flyers were handed out to be distributed on bulletin boards in the area.

Gina has the scale for weighing the fish and will check the batteries.

Elizabeth and Gina have all the necessary items boxed from last year and will check the lists to see if anything is needed prior to the derby.

Slim said reporter Donna Rhodes will cover the fishing derby.

Everyone is to meet at the pond at 8:00 a.m. to set up for a 9:00 a.m. start.

Ruth will send a thank you to Venture Print/Minuteman Printing for the flyers they donated to the Commission

Gina will get the ice for the water bottles. Slim will meet the man from the Hy-on-a Hill Trout Farm and let Sarah know so he will be paid. The Commission purchases trout and the State Fish and Game dept. matches the number of fish purchased. One fish will have a tag on it and the person who catches that fish receives a $50.00 bond

Gina has ordered the trophies and worked out the payment with Sarah

Slim asked about the Commission's budget. Elizabeth looked it up and reported:

$670 for workshops, seminars, and dues

$500 for conservation

$1.00 for mileage

$800 for the fishing derby

Payment for the NRI will come out of the Conservation line

Slim proposed additional road cleanup days. Elizabeth moved to have a Cleanup on Saturday, June 30 and to meet at the Town House at 10:00 a.m. to clean up and follow this up with a lunch at the Town House. The move was seconded by Ruth and all were in favor.

Slim announced that the Historical Society had voted to accept the Town Pound Project. A path needs to be created to the Pound. Slim has donated woodchips and Paul Cole said he would move logs to line the path. Slim would like the CC to be involved. Ruth asked if this project was something the Conservation Commission should be involved in. After discussion Elizabeth moved that the Conservation Commission work with the Historical Society on this project and Slim seconded. All were in favor and the motion was passed.

Circle Camp Wetlands Application

Ruth reported that Craig Day from the DES reported that the application was approved on May 7. It went through a second reviewer for accuracy. He asked us to let him know if we need anything.

A discussion was held and it was decided that the Conservation Commission will ask Town Clerk, Ruth Millett to phone Slim and email the Conservation Commission members on the day that she signs that she has received any Application or Permit so that these can be reviewed by the CC within fourteen days by the entire commission in the event that there are issues that need to be addressed with the Wetlands Bureau. Applications and permits will be put in the CC cupboard in the Town House. Ruth moved that this procedure be put in place and Elizabeth seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was passed. Elizabeth will discuss this with Ruth and set this procedure in place.

A discussion was held regarding Circle Camp and whether the CC would ask them for a tour of the site and if any oversite was needed by the CC. There was not a general consensus on this and it was decided that we would revisit this at the next meeting.

Slim made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Elizabeth seconded the motion. All agreed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by Ruth Gaffey