

The Town of Newington
New Hampshire – Incorporated 1764
NEWINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes, Thursday, January 10, 2008

Call to Order: Justin Richardson, Chair Person called to order the meeting of Thursday, January 10, 2008 at 7:12.

Present: Justin Richardson, Chair Person, Tom Morgan, Planning Board, Peggy Lamson, George Fletcher, Michelle Lozuaway.

Not Present: Jane Hislop and Dottie Watson.

Guest: Mark West, of West Environmental.

Old Business

1) Mark West Update: Survey of Rare and Endangered Species

Mark West passed out the draft and gave an overall presentation on the Survey for Endangered Species. He presented the first rough drafts of maps, different habitat types, and discussions ensued with many questions asked. A couple of field component of this study is: 1) the maps that are finished except for the map he would generate based on his field study and 2) the other component is the existing data on what rare and “endangered species” are documented within the Town of Newington. Those would include the Heritage Records of Species and then in addition to that there are species maybe in this community that may never have been documented. Mark gave an overview of the rare wildlife species and other species that they might consider. Tom would like to get this into the Master Plan which wouldn't be a problem for Mark to do and he is customizing/refining the maps. Justin: The Budget committee wants the CC to update them on this project. Mark left the draft with the CC. The report is expected to be finalized and additional field work to be completed (this spring/early summer-April, May, June) of 2008.

Mark suggested a field/walk day to see what he is doing.

2) Budget Update: The Budget Committee was pretty happy with the presentation of the CC Budget. Copy of the Budget was given to Pearl.

3) Town Report

Selectmen suggested shortening it and Justin was in favor of it. Peggy commended Justin on how well written the report was. A short discussion followed.

Discussion on payment of bills followed.

4) Storm water Regulation Update

Brief discussion ensued.

5) Prime Wetlands Update: Brief discussion ensued.

Correspondence

Discussion of Permits: Keith Frizzell 's wetlands permit: The CC recommended approval and the NHDES denied the project. He doesn't need a permit to do this. Justin briefly went over the other permits.

Other Business

Peggy recused herself from the discussion of the appeal/letter to Art Nickless on what the CC is doing. The letter is regarding the disagreement as to the status of the prime wetlands in Newington on property owned by the PDA. Justin said that DES has made a wrong decision. Appeal filed and will get docketed for a pre-hearing conference. Justin explained what the procedure would be. Discussion ensued.

Minutes

Peggy moved to accept the Minutes of November 8th meeting and Michelle seconded it. Justin abstained. All in favor, AYE. Minutes approved, motion carried.

Peggy brought up her concern about what was in the newspaper (Portsmouth Herald) regarding Great Bay National Wildlife Refuge. She feels we should write up a letter and push the Selectmen to follow because she is quite concerned about the Refuge. Her explanation followed. Justin recommended getting John Lynch involved. Justin made some recommendations on who to contact.

Justin made a motion that they authorize the vice chairman to write letters and communicate through our congressional delegation/State Representatives/Governor's Office to try to encourage someone to remain at the national level (someone to actually be there). Discussion ensued.

Justin: Any further discussion on the motion? None. Motion seconded by Michelle. All in favor, AYE. Motion carried.

Adjourn: Justin: Motion to adjourn. Seconded by Peggy. All in favor, Aye.
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 13th, 2008.

Respectfully submitted:
Pearl Travis, Recorder/Transcriber.

**TOWN OF NEWINGTON
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
INVOICE #4**

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DATE OF MEETING: 1/10/2008

DATE	WORK PERFORMED	TOTAL HOURS
1/10/2008	Record Minutes of the meeting	1.5 Hours
	Transcription of the Meeting	1.5 Hours
	Total Hours	<i>3 Hours</i>
		\$45.00
	Tolls- Round Trip	3.00
	4.5.96 x 48.5 cents per mile - Mileage	22.29
	TOTAL COMPENSATION	\$70.29
	Rate per hour: \$15.00	
	Mileage: 48.5 cents per mile	
	Tolls: \$1.50 each way	

Signature of Supervisor

Date