
Minutes: Jon Scanlon moved, seconded by Paul Rushlow to approve the minutes, as amended, for January 21, 2013. Motion passed.

Update on Ernie’s: The buildings have been demolished. There is an issue with electric wires going through a tree so Public Service has been notified. The telephone company also has to be involved. The contaminated soils will be removed in the spring. Members spoke about how the property already looks so much better than it did.

State Property: The mediation process was successful. The state has presented an updated proposal to the town. Chuck has asked that any funds remaining after expenses be transferred to the Current Use fund. The next step is for the town to meet with the Long Range Capital Planning and Utilization Committee on March 5 to get their approval for the sale. Chuck has before and after photos of the property as well as much other documentation proving that the intent is for the land to be used solely for conservation and recreation. If approved, the proposed sale would have to be approved by the Executive Council.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence.

Other:

- There was a discussion regarding the snow dump at 61 Business Park Drive. It appears that the property may be located in the Groundwater Protection District and the town Groundwater Protection Ordinance (page 3) states that “the development or operation of a snow dump” is prohibited. Chuck will contact the Planning Board and the Selectmen about the Commission’s concerns. The Conservation Commission strongly recommends that the town look at an alternate site for snow storage since the Business Park Drive site seems to be located in the Groundwater Protection District.

- There was a discussion about motor oil disposal. Jon explained that any store that sells oil is obligated to take back used oil. There was a question about how many residents were aware of this fact. Chuck asked whether this was a service the town should consider providing so citizens would dispose of oil in an appropriate manner. There was general
agreement that the TCC should look into this matter and provide information to the public through the Conservation Commission’s newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm after a motion by Kathi Mitchell which was seconded by Jon Scanlon – all members present approved the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Mitchell, acting secretary

Minutes approved 03-18-2013