

Hanover Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, January 13, 2010
Meeting commences at 5:05pm
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Members present: Ed Chamberlain, Ray Hogue (reporting), Michael Mayor, Doug McIlroy, Anne Morris, Sandra White; **also,** Athos Rassius (Select Board representative) and Vick Smith (staff).

Educational/recreational use of Organic Farm property: Don Cutter was present to answer questions on behalf of the project. It was not clear when the logs would be delivered to the farm property. The “bunks” (logs place on the river bank at a 90 degree angle to the river) on which to slide the logs into the Connecticut River would be removed the same day the logs would be put into the river. Don Cutter indicated there is a gently sloping river bank area that would be used as the spot for putting the logs into the river. Sets of logs would be lashed together before being put into the river. The logs are to be used to rebuild a cabin Gilman Island that burned down.

Motion: that the Conservation Commission support the project in accordance with the conservation easement deed for the Organic Farm property (moved by Michael, seconded by Anne). **Vote:** unanimous.

Water Company Land: Vicki will send a letter to the Select Board indicating the Conservation Commission’s recommendation that the chair of either the Conservation Commission or the Conservation Council, or designated representative, be appointed a director of the Trescott Company.

Posting Signs on Mink Brook Lands Relative to Removal of Dog Waste: It was suggested that a roll of plastic bags for dog waste removal by owners be mounted on a post at both ends of the street when the ground is thawed. Unclear if Hanover has dog litter law.

Tree Cutting on Tanzi/private land border: Mayor and McIlroy have seen the tree. Mayor described it as having two stems, neither of which were considered to pose a meaningful risk to the property in question, and McIlroy concurred. Vicki will send a letter indicating this to the landowner and granting access to the Town land if the landowner wishes to pay to have the tree removed.

Tanzi Update: Vicki will send letter to property owner who is storing items (vehicles, wood, boat, miscellaneous parts and other items) on Town land adjacent to property owner’s property instructing property owner to remove the items.

Baseline Documentation/Monitoring/Management Plan projects: Vicki provided an update on her work and reported that there have been discovered questionable practices in the Mulherin series of easements. Vicki will be sending letters to the easement neighbors.

Open Space Committee: Morris reported that approval of the acquisition of the Steele property for \$205,000 (the appraised value) will be requested at the January 26, 2010 meeting of the Select Board. A funding program is currently being developed. The Park Hill Trust has committed \$5,000 for any conservation project. **Motion:** that the Conservation Commission authorize up to \$200 for the design of brochure on the property (moved by Morris, seconded by Mayor); **Vote:** five in favor (Chamberlain, Hogue, Mayor, McIlroy, Morris), one against (White).

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Trails Committee: McIlroy reported that Craig Sanborn is interested in helping to re-route a portion of the Ridge Trail in Enfield so that it does not cross a homeowner's yard, and that better parking is also being sought. Doug also indicated that the Cliffside Trail from the Ledyard Canoe Club to Pine Park is being considered for cleanup and improvement.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.