

Readfield Conservation Commission Meeting Notes

November 15, 2016, 6:45 pm, Town Office

Approved December 13, 2016

Present: Martin Hanish, Bruce Hunter, Robert Mohlar, Tim Sniffen, Andrew Walsh

Not present: Jerry Bley, Greg Durgin

Meeting notes from October 11, 2016 meeting were approved.

New Business:

Pulling stones at Fairgrounds –

Anna Carll, Cemetery Sexton, had spoken to Bruce about using some of the old pulling stones in a memorial garden planned for the new section of the Readfield Corners cemetery. We discussed the question of separating them vs. keeping them together, perhaps creating a trail loop through the area where the stones now lie. No decision was made. A site visit was planned for the upcoming Saturday, 11/19, 9:30 a.m. Bruce will send out reminder. This had been discussed several years ago.

Trail Infrastructure Replacement Planning (Torsey Pond Nature Preserve and Fogg Conservation Area) –

Jerry had asked five area trail work contractors for proposals to assist us in planning for this major project. Proposals for preliminary planning/budgeting work were received from Jedediah Talbot, OPB Trailworks, LLC, Turner, ME, and from Steve Spencer, Big Pine Consulting, Whitefield, ME. We discussed each proposal at some length. Steve Spencer had visited the sites with Tim before writing up his offer. He would do a written description of the proposed work with estimates of costs for \$500. Jedediah Talbot's offer is \$1470.

It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to accept Steve Spencer's proposal if, on review of our funding, we have the \$500 available. Tim will check with Teresa Shaw as soon as possible, and notify Bruce and Jerry. Bruce or Jerry will notify the contractors of our decision. It was hoped that OPB Trailworks would bid for the actual construction phase of the project.

Mill Stream Dam Trail Agreement and Trail Easement Deed –

Jerry has drawn up these documents to be executed between Robert and Helen Bittar and the Town of Readfield. We reviewed and discussed each paper and agreed that they should be referred to the Trails Committee and Select Board.

Appreciation was expressed to Jerry Bley for yet another contribution of his land use expertise.

The Annual Committee Chairs Meeting with Select Board, 11/28/16 –

We reviewed our past year's work and future plans for Bruce to report.

Old Business referred to 12/13/16 meeting. That will also be our budgeting meeting. Please consider items and their costs to include in the 2017-18 budget.

Meeting adjourned approx. 8:30 pm. Submitted by Tim Sniffen.