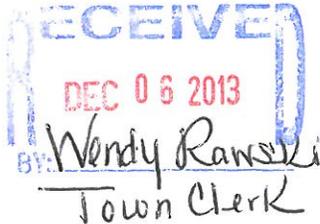


OFFICIAL MINUTES:
Eliot Conservation Commission
Eliot, Maine 03903
OFFICIAL MINUTES: Business Meeting

DATE: April 3 , 2013
APPROVED: October 2, 2013



OFFICERS:
Chairman:
Vice chairman: Glenn Crilley
Secretary: Claudette Moran
Treasurer: Jeff Duncan

Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM at Town Hall

In attendance: Glenn Crilley, Connie Weeks, Jeff Duncan , Claudette Moran,

Absent: Ernie Bruneau, Jack Murphy, Tim Straz,

Guest: Karen Young

FINANCIAL REPORT: no changes

PAST MINUTES: accepted as amended for March 6, 2013

KAREN YOUNG: Karen mentioned that MTA2C revised their mission statement in 2012. Their ultimate goal is to maintain the largest unfragmented blocks of forest to maintain and sustain a diversity of flora and fauna. The focus is on land for wildlife. Some are looking at agricultural lands as a separate goal.

Impact Fees: This was discussed as a means of increasing revenues for conservation purposes. Saco and North Berwick have adopted similar impact fee arrangements. A ratio of people to open-space is a way for calculating desirable amount of open space vs inhabitants as the town grows.

Developers have, to this date, not contested or questioned impact fees.

SMRPC helped No. Berwick write their impact fee proposal for recreational open space and preservation of land. The use of impact fees is likely to be challenged.

York has bonds for open space.

It is possible to get Maine bonds for land easement?

IMPACT FEES: need to write an ordinance first, then impact fees can be written.

Question is, does Eliot really want it? It is better to do bonds or funds for a specific project. Paul Schumacher is available to come to talk to town boards.

Karen can do education workshops. There is one on Tuesday May 28 from 5-8PM at Wells Reserves entitled "Greening Your Conservation Sub-Division Ordinance."

Brunswick and Falmouth will present.

Karen is willing to help us in any way. Connie will look at the town's comprehensive plan and the conservation commission duties. Jack Murphy and Glenn have this list. It needs to be put into an excel spreadsheet.

We should consider working with the Maine Farmer's Trust in contacting Eliot farmers.

JOHNSON FARM: The deal should be closed by fall or January. Seventy-one percent of the funds have been committed including the federal/GWRLT which has reached its goal. Twenty-nine percent is from a bond in Kittery. Two large grant foundations are working with the Kittery Land Trust along with private individuals.

FRIENDS OF THE YORK RIVER: The National Park Service has \$20,000 of staff time that will report about the importance of York River as it should be part of the Wild and Scenic Area. This will be out in September.

JOHNSON LANE TOWN FOREST: The Pritle land owner and Jeff have been playing phone tag. Jeff will continue to calling him.

TOWN OWNED TAX ACQUISITION PROPERTY: Attached is a list which we need to consider.

Map 4 lot 51: release

Map 89 lot 17: no quorum

Map 100 lot 4: to be determined

Map 11 lot 10: to be determined

Map 79 lot 26-004: release

Map 79 lot 26-090: release

Map 9 lot 004: to be determined

Map 15 lot 5-2: release

Map 70 lot 12: to be determined

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ROUND TABLE:

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 1, 2013 at 7:00PM at town hall.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15PM PM

Respectfully submitted,



Claudette C. Moran
Secretary, ECC

cc: Eliot town clerk
Commission Members
Commission File