

Roxbury Conservation Commission

12/13/16

The meeting was called to order at 6:11 PM

Present: Michelle Drogue, Barbara Neylan, Dream Tardiff, Alice Funk, Jim Rousmaniere

Michelle briefly discussed the conservation meetings she attended since our last meeting. There is too much information so she will scan it and email it to us.

We discussed approving our mission statement. Jim pointed out that it is a living document and that some companies rewrite it each year. Barbara said it is OK the way it is and it will evolve. Jim suggests making a copy of the Town master plan for each member. We can read this and see if there is anything in there that might apply to our mission statement. Michelle will check to see if there are existing copies and if needed have more printed. Jim advised her to get an estimate on printing and give that to selectmen to approve before the job.

Barbara made a motion to accept the mission statement as written. No discussion. Unanimous vote to accept.

Michelle asked if we all want our names put on the Town website as members of this commission. All present agreed. Josh Hicks will add our names to the website.

Natural Resources Inventory:

Michelle spoke with someone in Sullivan about their Inventory. She believes the Town did it internally. It helps that they have residents with much expertise in the areas required. A copy of their report can be checked out of their town library. It has pictures, maps and descriptions. They have a good mapmaker in town. It was put into a word document. At the end there are recommendations on how to improve and references.

Jim will approach the City Of Keene regarding the land use study currently underway.

Alice reported back on Chesterfield and Nelson. She spoke with Kathy Thatcher, commission member for Chesterfield, who offered to loan her copy of their Inventory before our next meeting. They hired Jeff Littleton to prepare this. Its date is 2011. She also spoke with Kathy Schillemat, chairperson of the Nelson commission. She said that Rick Vanderpool had this inventory done 15 years ago and she didn't know much about how it was accomplished. Alice will try to secure a copy.

Jim recommends as a goal to choose a reasonable date by which to complete this inventory. We can ask other towns what is a reasonable length of time. 6 months?

Michelle suggests that we may need to have more frequent meetings in order to accomplish this. We created an outline of goals for this project:

1- research types of inventories- get copies to read and compare at next meeting, 1/24/17

2- contact professionals to prepare inventories, get bids, etc

3- research funding sources

4- endpoint- handing out completed reports- 12/2017, if possible.

Jim will contact Monadnock Conservancy to get names of people who can be hired to do inventories and also ask other relevant questions.

Alice will contact Southwest Regional Planning Commission.

Michelle will contact NHACC.

Barbara will contact the Cheshire County Conservation Commission.

Dream will continue to look up small towns online to see what information they may have.

There was discussion of involving local students in this process as a community service project.

Barbara said that she mentioned grant writing to Mary Ann Kristiansen but she was too busy at that point to advise. Perhaps later.

Alice's services were volunteered to possibly take photos. There are also other town residents who have taken good photos of wildlife, etc.

Suggestions were made for future meetings- work on grants all together/ Or committee style?

Jim asked to have a group email sent out so that we can all participate in conversations, questions and information.

Next meeting was scheduled for 1/24/17 from 6-8. We will discuss how frequently we should meet at that meeting.

A motion was made, seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 PM.