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also showed an increase of 59 dog complaints in 2008. He said that the department does a significant number of property checks for owners on vacation.

New Business

Transfer Station – Selectman Mishcon advised that she would like to update Board members on the thoughts and recommendations of the Recycling Committee regarding changes at the Transfer Station to accommodate single stream recycling. She has prepared a report on behalf of the Recycling Committee and she said that she will bring it to the next meeting.

Emergency 911 Maps – Town Administrator Dana Hadley told the Board the Town has received updated emergency 911 maps from the Emergency Communications Center. The Board needs to approve the maps. Dana will bring them to the next meeting for review.

Conservation Commission

January 14

Condensed from approved minutes

Present: Mary Anne Broshek, Tina Cotton (second half), Sandra Graves, Jerry Hersey, Pat Moyer

Review Action Items

Highland Lake – After the last meeting, Mary Anne met with Dana. Dana forwarded a copy of the letter that went to the Highland Lake Protective Association from the Selectmen. This letter was provided to all members.

Update of conserved lands for GRANIT and updated map of protected and current use land in Andover – Ed will be working on this in February.

SB 381 – meeting with Selectmen scheduled for January 19.

Natural Resources Inventory – Tina has compiled 135 pages of maps and narrative.

Smart Growth Application – Members were provided with copies of the Smart Growth Audit application that was submitted to Lakes Region Regional Planning Commission. A decision is expected by the end of the month. (Note: application was denied)

View Group – Susan Schnare will reconvene the group at the end of March.

Town Report Cover

The annual Town Report cover will feature a painting by Hillary Mishcon of the Roger Hersey Farm. Dana provided a color copy of painting that will be used, and this was given to Jerry.

Members Update

The Selectmen will meet with Pat Moyer on January 19 prior to nominating her as a Conservation Commission member. Bob Ward will not seek another term. Members are asked to talk to individuals who might be interested in working on the Conservation Commission.

Master Plan Update

The funding for the facilitator has ended. The Planning Board will fund three more facilitated meetings. Paul Currier advised members of the Smart Growth audit application and discussed how the audit findings could help the Lakes Region Planning Commission write the future land use section of the Master Plan. Topics for the next two Master Plan meetings are:

January 26 – review and finalize guiding principles three, five and nine. Begin discussion on number six.

February 9 – review and finalize guiding principles six, seven, and ten.

Members were given copies of the latest versions of detailed guiding principles three, five, and six.

Natural Resources Inventory (NRI)

A review date of January 22 was set to review the NRI written by Tina. This will be an overview and Tina can provide a DVD or paper copy for more detailed review. (Note: this meeting was attended by Jerry, Sandra, Mary Anne, Pat, Don Gould, John Cotton, Tina Cotton and Alan McIntyre.) We will set one more date to finish the review focusing on recommendations for protection and preservation. Members need to provide Tina with specific knowledge of Andover that can further “personalize” various sections. Tina will contact Dave Pilla re: a meeting with the students about their studies at Bog Pond.

Conservation Easements

Members will contact individuals who have expressed an interest in conservation easements to let them know about the extension of increased federal tax benefits through 2009.

Bradley Lake

Handout – DES Rules Env-Ws 386.10 – Protection of the Purity of Bradley Lake and Its Watershed.

ASLPT Update

Mary Anne will send the quarterly report she prepared for Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT) to Andover Conservation Commission members. ASLPT will host the next meeting for Conservation Commission chairs on March 26.

Another workshop is being planned for November. Let Mary Anne know if you have any ideas for topics.

February Meeting

Planning for 2009 – Think about goals and projects for the Andover Conservation Commission for the coming year.

View Group

Members should complete the one page descriptions of the major Andover hills.

Scenic Roads

We will invite Dana Hadley and Jon Champagne to a meeting in the spring – perhaps at a scenic road. Sandra will see if there is additional scenic road information that is available or an individual who is an expert in this area.

Ragged Mountain Resort

Conservation Issues

E-mail from Don Gould was distributed. Danbury Planning Board Meeting is January 27. Sandra will try to attend.

School Board

December 22 Work Session

Condensed from approved minutes

Board members present: Doug Boisvert, Robin Boynton, David Hewitt, David Powers, Kent Armstrong

Administrators present: Mike Martin, Chris Barry, Robin Heins, Kathleen Boucher, Jane Slayton, Julie Gaudette

Proposed Budget

Discussion quickly ensued as to how to respond to the Budget Committee’s request that the Board reduce their proposed 2009-2010 budget. After much exchange of suggestions and ideas, it was the consensus of the Board that they send a memo to the Budget Committee indicating that three teaching positions and one aide plus related benefits would have to be cut if we had to reduce the budget by \$160,000. The Board does not support this. Additionally, sports, music, art, and band might have to be eliminated.

It was further agreed that Doug Boisvert and Dave Powers would meet with the teacher representatives to inform them of these possible reductions. Clearly, we must follow the collective bargaining agreement when faced with any position reductions, etc.

Public Hearing

Changing the date of the public hearing was discussed. The Budget Committee
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