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Commission meeting regarding wind energy which was held November 17, 2008 indicating that it is mandatory to accept windmills and to update the Zoning Ordinance accordingly. Minutes of the meeting were received.

Department of Environmental Services Permit Application for Timothy Hannibal at 109 Maple Street.

Notice of the annual Planning and Zoning Conference to be held May 2 at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester.

Building Permit calculations were distributed for review.

Continued Non-Binding Consultation: Site Plan Review for Scott & Nancy Robart, 856 Main Street. Robart presented a rough draft floor plan for the proposed retail sales use of his converted barn area. The retail sales would be for local crafts people / manufacturers who currently have no place to set up for the public. The first floor will be open with a staircase to the second floor which will have a catwalk-type area with an area approximately 12' x 12' which will be open to the first floor.

There is sufficient parking (an area of 56' x 102') and a total of three driveways for the residence / structure. There is a 2,000-gallon septic tank to the rear of the residence, and Robart will provide a copy of the permit.

There is currently a sign for Blackwater Farm, and Robart will be adding a sign for the retail sales business

and will provide specs for the sign.

The Board advised Robart of the necessity to go before the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a special exception for approval of retail sales. The Board will review site plan application for completeness on Tuesday, March 24.

Conservation Commission

February 11

Condensed from approved minutes

Present: Mary Anne Broshek, Tina Cotton, Jerry Hersey, Nan Kaplan, Pat Moyer, Bob Ward, and guest Deb Brower.

Treasurer's Report: The auditors have reviewed the books and declared "a good job."

The auditors believed that \$125 needs to be added to the town-held Conservation Fund due to a mistake in 2007.

Members Update: Bob Ward attended his last meeting before going off the Board and handed in his notebook and files. All thanked Bob for his many years of service on the Conservation Commission.

Deb Brower attended the meeting to learn about the Bradley Lake project and learn about the Conservation Commission.

Correspondence

- Department of Environmental Services (DES) letter to the Town of Andover dated January 30 regarding approval of emergency permit for culvert replacement.

- New Hampshire Arborist Association application for Community Beautification Awards Program . We are not pursuing. Mary Anne will check with Dana and the Master Plan Committee to see if there is any interest in a tree or beautification program for the town.

Trees are usually planted at the same time and die at the same time. Andover does not have a program to replace. Many trees are in the Right of Way. Tina brought up the issue of the Department of Transportation cutting the trees to let the sun in. Some towns have tree wardens. We agreed a tree warden is a good idea. Bob will e-mail members the state law Web site on tree wardens.

- New Hampshire Community Forest Advisory Council newsletter dated January 2009 regarding notification of the Natural Resources Volunteer Program. Volunteers are available to assist towns in projects such as street tree inventories, converting vacant lots into parks and gardens, improved wildlife habitats, and protected open space.

- Land Resource Management Workshop on Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act (CPSA) effective July 1, 2008 and other DES programs. Mary Anne encouraged all to attend one of the three sessions offered.

Bog Pond Study

Tina advised that Dave Pilla will contact us about joining his wildlife class for a site visit to the Bog Pond study area. This will probably occur at the end of the term. Dave will work out the date with Tina.

Planning for 2009

Handouts included 2008 goals with draft 2009 updates; potential work for 2009; final wording on guiding principles; and detail on what is included in co-occurrence map.

The 2008 goals with February '09 updates were reviewed and changes made for 2009. We believe that the 2008 goals were met. The 2009 goals reflect the same themes but at a different level of progress. Members will continue to promote land conservation with information sessions and telephone contact.

We reviewed the list of Andover's protected lands that are currently on GRANIT (the electronic state mapping system) to identify all monitoring responsibilities of the Conservation Commission. Mary Anne will talk to Dana about getting a copy of the deeds for Town-owned protected land.

We reviewed the list of potential projects for 2009. Many of these items were taken from the 2008 minutes. New projects include:

- Earth Day walk to Mountain Brook Falls on Sunday, April 26 – Nan
- List of conserved lands with information compiled from many sources – Mary Anne
- New lands to monitor based on a review of protected lands; most of the new lands are owned by the Town of Andover
- Update Current Use and conservation documentation for Conservation Commission files.

- Work on the Master Plan
- Map of walking trails in Andover
- Tax benefit chart of conservation easements
- Promote forest land as a resource for energy and pursue whether Andover should have an energy commission

Natural Resources Inventory

We need to set up a date to review the recommendations. Tina will advise us of potential dates. Note – the review was done on February 21. In attendance were Tina, John and Jon Cotton, Mary Anne, and Jerry.

We discussed the difference between the Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) and a Conservation Plan. A Conservation Plan has the recommendations for protection of the natural resources identified in the NRI. The NRI has been split into an NRI and a Conservation Plan.

Tina will print one copy of the NRI that will be passed around for comments to those who do not want a CD. The CD will be given to others.

Table at Town Meeting

Tina will select maps for a table at Town Meeting to show the work of the NRI. She will provide a printed copy of the NRI, also. Pat is in charge of logistics.

Recycling Committee

March 12

Condensed from draft minutes

Present: Ken Tripp, Nan Kaplan, Anne Hewitt, Duncan Coolidge, Vicky Mishcon, Dana Hadley

Resignation: Anne has submitted a letter of resignation with regret, due to family and new job obligations. The committee thanked her for her participation.

Waste oil building discussion: Ken reported that antifreeze is stored in the waste oil building in a 55-gallon plastic drum. Every year there is \$2,200 of grant money available for waste oil storage and trucking the waste oil away. The building was financed by a grant.

A furnace for burning waste oil is approximately \$6,500. This could replace our propane. Currently a company comes and removes the waste oil to be used for their own purposes.

Dana will talk to Bill Farrington about coming to a meeting with information about proper storage and amounts of waste oil and antifreeze. Crushed filters can also be recycled with grant money.

Single Stream Recycling: Cost of closed trailer for recyclables needs to be determined. Dana will look into prices from Best Buy. Need to determine size necessary for non-compacted SSR.

Recycling numbers: Dana has provided a spreadsheet for recyclables marketed year-to-date. Current tipping fee is \$68 per ton. Cost avoidance through recycling was \$5,246.88. Marketing was not profitable overall at this time.

Town Report: Need to update re- See Recycling on page 19



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