

Frank Lombardi called the meeting to order at 5:57 PM

Members Present: Frank Lombardi- Chairman, Don LaPlante- Vice Chair, Edie Worcester, Valerie Yelton, Ken Jordan and Marsha Lombardi and Tina Wright-Secretary.

Members Absent:

Public Present: James Sherwood

Capital Reserve Account Discussion

Frank reached out to Judy Ramsdell and asked about a Capital Reserve Fund. Judy asked NHMA if the Whitefield Conservation Commission can start a capital reserve fund. NHMA responded, said a capital reserve can be created only by vote of the town meeting and they can be created only for capital purposes as listed in RSA 35:1

If the proposed fund would not be for one of those capital purposes, then other options for a nonlapsing fund could be a non-capital reserve fund under RSA 35:1-c or a town-funded trust fund under RSA 31:19a, these would also require a town meeting. A trust fund may also have agents to expend, otherwise money in a trust fund can be spent only by authorization of the town meeting.

NHMA suggested that a reserve fund or trust fund might not be the right direction for the Conservation Commission, that the Conservation Commission already has a nonlapsing conservation fund, per RSA 36-A:5 Some towns will vote to put all or a portion of LUCT money in the conservation fund, that it sounded like Whitefield may have and the the money appropriated for the commission and money received as gifts may also be placed in to this fund. It will never lapse and may be spent by the conservation commission without town meeting approval

Don LaPlante asked if we have a non lapsing conservation fund? Frank Lombardi suggested that Don LaPlante ask Judy Ramsdell about it.

Ken Jordan questioned if we should set up and LUCT fund? Lengthy discussion on setting up a capital reserve fund.

Ken Jordan read the RSA, we can have money put in we'll have access to it and it won't go back to general fund and if we did this we wouldn't have to mess with the the LUCT fund. Don LaPlante said he does not see any need for capital reserve fund, we can accumulate money and it won't lapse and we can use it for something. For example if we wanted to buy a big piece of land, put and ad in the paper, request donations or gifts and then its deposited into the funds. Board decided to try and meet with the Selectmen.

The board had a brief discussion on doing a project on educating people on proper disposal of aspirin/prescription drugs etc. Not to dump down drains/toilets, teach them where these products go and what it does to the water. Will discuss more at next meeting.

Rebecca Brown: Letter template for Rexford's property

Secretary Tina Wright reached out to Rebecca Brown via email on the template for the rexford's property. Rebecca emailed back w/the letter. The board was all set w/letter, signed and will be emailed to Rebecca Brown first thing in the morning and original letter will be mailed out.

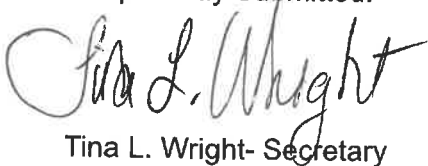
Discussion on the Pondicherry Trail on airport Road. Land nearby was recently cut. Board is curious about turning into more of place for hiking...not developing. Don LaPlante asked if we have a town forest. Don LaPlante suggested they have a joint committee meeting with the WEDC on this property. Map 234-004.3 little over 72 acres...recently a little over 40 acres was cut off. Ken Jordan and Frank Lombardi agreed with meeting with the WEDC at their next September meeting

A motion was made by Valerie Yelton to approve the minutes as is from the August 8, 2018 meeting, seconded by Ken Jordan, no further discussion. All in favor, motion carries.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Don LaPlante to adjourn meeting at 7:24 PM, seconded by Valerie Yelton. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:


Tina L. Wright- Secretary

 10/10/18
Frank Lombardi- Chairman