

Frank Lombardi called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

**Members Absent:** Ken Jordan

**Public Present:** David Chase

**David Chase- 110 Elm Street**

David Chase lives at 110 Elm Street and is looking at doing some ditching on his property. Map 219 Lot 022

David is interested in doing some ditching on the land in front of a pond on the back side of his property. He brought a map to show the soil types also shows where the land and house sits on the property. David has noticed the land is wet year round. Marsha said there is an old dug well on that property no longer used. Edie wondered if there are springs as well, Marsha says there are, they are springs from Mirror Lake. Marsha asked what the goal is with the land. David said they really didn't know yet just would like to be able to get through it and dry it up a little bit. Maybe someday plant some fruit trees. Marsha mentioned that he would need to be careful what is done, it will divert the water into other directions. Frank mentioned the water comes down off that property into two different directions. There was a brief discussion on a water line that runs through there. Marsha and Edie suggested different plants that David could plant on the property to maybe help dry it out. Don LaPlante brought up that Joe Schmidl from NHDES would be a good contact for this and that he is willing to come up here and look at this. If this is wetlands you will need to get a wetlands permit to move forward. Frank and Don both directed David to contact DES for further direction on what to do with the property.

**Bylaws**

The board reviewed the current Whitefield Conservation Commission goal and objectives. The Commission was established on March 9, 1999. The board feels this needs to be updated. Frank created a packet of new goals and objectives for the Town of Whitefield Conservation Commission and asked the board to look over and highlight what they want to see in this guide. Frank used the Town of Milford NH as a guide. Valerie thought these goals and objectives were great and very realistic.

### **Map lot 234 4.3 WEDC outcome and the next steps**

Map 234 4.3 is a 70+ acre parcel that the Town of Whitefield owns and recently had 40 acres of wood timbered. The sale of the wood is going to be going towards a parking lot in downtown Whitefield. This land has been for sale for well over 30 years.

Frank, Valerie, Edie and Marsha attended the WEDC meeting. Wanted to discuss with them different options for this land, hiking, biking and walking. Maybe a buffer could be developed before an industry was put there before any hiking etc was brought in. Felt the meeting went ok, some were receptive to the idea and thanked them for coming to their meeting. Frank asked the WEDC if they would be willing to make this land in to a town forest, he thought it would be easier to turn into a forest now rather than later.

Valerie suggested they go to the Selectmen and ask some questions, now that this has been logged, now what? Construction? Replant it as a forest and manage it? Valerie also suggested that this should be done in stages and maybe contact Jennifer Barton on her opinion on how this land can be used.

Don agreed to goto the Selectmen and ask them to set this land aside as town forest.

Brief discussion on maybe combining lot 234 4.2 in to this project.

**A motion was made by Donald LaPlante to goto Selectmen to propose to set this piece of land (234 4.3) aside as a town forest and other uses and possibly future revenue, seconded by Valerie Yelton, no further discussion. All in favor, motion carries.**

### **Water Treatment**

Brief discussion on the water treatment. Will be requesting detailed plans from Selectmen

### **NRI**

Frank will be getting ahold of the state and see what options we have out there and how to get the NRI going.

### **Other Business**

Current year budget is \$2,500.00. Current expenses so far are \$100.40.

The board wants to make sure the money stays in the Conservation Commission budget. Will bring up at the meeting on Monday.

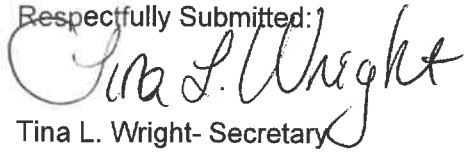
**A motion was made by Don Laplante to approve the minutes as is from the September 5, 2018 meeting, seconded by Marsha Lombardi, no further discussion, all in favor, motion carries.**

Next Conservation Commission meeting will be Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 6:00 P.M.

### **Adjournment:**

**A motion was made by Donald LaPlante to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 P.M., seconded by Edie Worcester. Meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully Submitted:

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Tina L. Wright- Secretary

Handwritten signature of Frank Lombardi in cursive script.

Frank Lombardi- Chairman