

Meeting Minutes - York Conservation Commission

Date: June 12, 2013

Attending: Mike Mahlman, Robert Tilley , Ana Gray, Priscialla Cookson, MS4 Director Leslie Hinz , Guest speaker Karen Young, Selectman Chair Ron Nowell

- 1- Ron Nowell stopped by at the beginning of the meeting to drop off some information on the Police Station project. He confirmed his previous request that the CC now get engaged with the restoration plan.
- 2- Karen Young from MtA2C gave us a very helpful overview of the program and outlined what they have to offer the York CC. She also gave us an information handout focused on York. Included in our discussion with Karen were:
 - a. How funds are collected and utilized to buy open space land.
 - b. Impact fees for open space purchases. Eliot and South Berwick have such fees.
 - c. Eliot, Wells, Kittery conservation/open space issues. Wells has a strong CC.
 - d. 5/28 MtA2C Workshop on cluster sub division ordinances and practices from other southern Maine Towns including Falmouth and Brunswick.
 - e. Habitat website tools that we should research and utilize.
- 3- We finalized and approved unanimously our 2013 budget allocations. GPS purchase was specified and remaining funds were allocated to Mt A trail projects.
- 4- We reviewed the Police Station project and identified and agreed upon the following initial comments/questions:
 - a. Mike will reach out to Dave T to seek technical support on the specifics of the restoration plan.
 - b. There must be an independent monitor until the restoration is complete. Any plan will be vulnerable to invasive species.
 - c. The entire damaged area should be restored. Ron N advised us that the selectmen already approved this.
 - d. Is there now an opportunity to move the Police Station project to a location less vulnerable to sea level rise flooding identified in the new flood maps?
 - e. If so, can the site be transformed into a conservation area for the town?
 - f. If not can the site be used strictly for the connector road using as much of the Wild Kingdom road as is appropriate?

- g. The CC will need to schedule a site walk in addition to further research the restoration plan.

- 5- We reviewed the Faith Appeal. We agreed unanimously that the CEO was correct in her findings to deny the application. In addition we had concerns about the septic, the road, and the storm water runoff which were not addressed in the appeal packet.

- 6- The next meeting will be **Wednesday 6/26/13** at 7 pm at the senior center.