

Meeting Minutes - York Conservation Commission

Date: June 26, 2013

**Attending: Mike Mahlman, Robert Tilley , Ana Gray, Priscialla Cookson, Jeff Normandin, MS4
Director Leslie Hinz , prospective member Mike Goslin**

- 1- We clarified the CC's position of taking on new easements. We rejected the idea of being the 'temporary' easement holder of the Pine Ledge subdivision in March 2013 for a number of reasons but that determination was not intended to be a permanent policy. Once the commission has become competent in monitoring the towns existing easements, we could then decide to accept new town conservation easements in the future. Each case will be looked at individually.
- 2- We have been invited to attend a 7/10/13 joint meeting with the selectmen and the planning board to review the status of the Police Station project. Christine will advise the time of the afternoon meeting shortly. Priscilla, Bob, Ana, and Mike plan to attend.
- 3- 6/12 meeting minutes will be reviewed by all via email and then posted on the website.
- 4- Priscilla and Leslie will meet on 7/2 to discuss the next steps on educational outreach. All members are encouraged to learn more about MS4 starting the materials on the town website.
- 5- Jeff reported he should be able to resume working on the open space/ land value database in the near future.
- 6- Ana G received the check to purchase the new GPS for easement monitoring. Once we know the time of the Police Station joint meeting, we will set up the time for the next easement meeting either immediately before or after the 7/10 joint meeting. The meeting objective will be to set up our first easement book and then contact Joe A for more training.
- 7- Priscilla picked up the remaining CC items at Mt A and has them stored to her garage. She has begun going through the archives. Priscilla will take care of the left over signs and get them posted appropriately.
- 8- Mike Goslin noted that the public works dept recently sprayed the mountain road with MgCl₂ and asked how such spraying is regulated.
- 9- A motion was made by Jeff that any CC member cannot speak on behalf of the CC w/o the approval of the board. Motion was seconded by Bob and passed 4-1.

- 10- We discussed the recent Sea-Latch project and it was suggested the CC needs the capacity to review all development projects.
- 11- Recruitment discussion. We will get copies of the commission applications and be more pro active asking others to join. Mike M will discuss with Susan Morse the possibility of a follow-up newspaper article. Leslie H will look into posting ads on the TV channel.
- 12- We discussed using Dave T as a consultant on the Police station restoration project. Bob made a motion to hire Dave to review the site, plan and give us his recommendations. The motion passed 5-0.
- 13- We have to schedule 2 upcoming site walks; Police Station and Pine ledge. Look for emails to confirm dates and times.
- 14- The next meeting will be **Wednesday 7/10/13** at 7 pm at the senior center. 7/24/13 meeting will be with YWD.