

Call to order 7:20

Attending:

Evy Nathan, Marghi Bean, Jeff Sluder, Ken Twombly, Bob Smith

Guests: Walt Roy, Ernie Landry

Mr. Landry spoke to the Commission regarding a grant, which is now available through Rockingham Planning Commission, Glenn Greenwood, contact.

The Heritage Committee would like to develop a historic resources inventory, and would like the CC to help where known sites are within conservation land. Mr. Landry feels it would be advantageous to seek this grant for a town wide NRI in order to restart the stalled master plan update. He believes that having two groups working on the grant would be advantageous.

**Treasurer's report:**

The annual audit has been completed and turned in. Thank you, Jeff!

**Communications:**

There was a lengthy discussion of a resignation letter from 4-year member, Andrea Kenter. The Commission members expressed unanimous surprise and dismay at her sudden resignation, and wished Ms. Kenter had discussed her grievances before resigning, so that common ground might have been found. We also agreed that she made some valid points of criticism, particularly regarding a need for the CC to better support the PB.

It was suggested by Mr. Sluder that the CC develop a more personal relationship with the planning board and select board, so that misunderstandings can be cleared up, and opinions expressed in vis-à-vis conversation.

It was agreed that more committee members should, theoretically, be knowledgeable in conservation law and science, and that the Commission should actively seek such members. Evelyn Nathan mentioned that she and Marghi Bean attend as many conferences, lectures and workshops as possible.

**Signs/trails/forests:**

\*Parking and ROW for ET's landing will be revisited when the snow is gone.

\*We have been unable, after several attempts, to contact Eric Duchaine in Danville, (for logging truck ROW) and so the Frye timber cut will need to wait until next winter.

**DES and Planning Board items:**

\*Magnusson R40-15, 16,18 mini mall concept plan:

There are no wetlands or environmentally sensitive areas on the lots where this mall is planned. We have no comment at this time, unless future phases encroach on the wetland just northeast of these lots.

\*All American Assisted Living:

Comments will be written and sent to the PB

\*Evy will meet Eben Lewis of DES in the spring at ET's Landing, to determine whether a wildlife viewing platform there would be a minimal impact project or not.

**New and Ongoing Business:**

\*Ken Twombly, whose 3-year term is up this month, will move from regular member to alternate, due to ongoing family health issues.

\*David Smith will also move to alternate because of the seasonal demands of the farm.

\*There is a need for 3 new regular members. Evy will place an ad will be placed in CTN and the FB page.

- \*A new hiking group is forming through the library. Evy will lead weekly hikes on town trails.
- \*Marghi has volunteered to create and man a CC information booth at the polls. Thank you, Marghi, for stepping up!
- \*Herbarium project is ongoing at Bakie School. 5th graders have started a botany club!
- \*Sophomore vernal pool project will begin the week after April vacation. The Seekamp brothers have been recruited to help out again.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00

Next meeting April 6<sup>th</sup>, pending Kingston Library unless otherwise relocated