

NCC Meeting 5/16/11

Open meeting: 7:06 p.m.

Present: S. Shope, A. Watts, L. Hill, D. Mason, R. LaBranche, L. Carroll, D. Hyde of the Nature Conservancy, J. Vienneau-resident

1) Administrative Business:

- a) Minutes 4/18/11: A. Watts motions to accept, L. Carroll motions to accept, all in favor YES.
- b) Treasurer's report: L. Carroll motions to accept, A. Watts seconds, all in favor YES.

2) Old Business:

- a) Case property: D. Hyde from the Nature Conservancy
Public hearing for the purpose of discussing contributing \$45,000 towards the purchase of 42 acres for conservation at 156 Piscassic Rd.. The total cost is \$300,000. The town will hold restrictions on the use of the property. It will eventually be transferred to Fish and Game as they hold property along the Piscassic River. S. Shope motions the NCC expend \$45,000 towards the purchase, D. Mason seconds, all in favor YES.
- b) Vienneau Property: J. Vienneau
Dept. of Agriculture has bought the conservation easement leaving one lot for development. J. Vienneau has the option to allow public access to the conserved property. He is asking for money to defer the costs of the process due to the requirements of the town for environmental surveys, legal fees, etc. when he was submitting applications to develop the property. A. Watts asked the amount the easement sold for which J. Vienneau declined to answer. A. Watts stated that we cannot make a motion without specific amounts and that generally we contribute moneys for fees when land is donated to the town. J. Vienneau stated that the town would basically be purchasing public access. S. Shope stated that we would need specific amounts but that it was not likely that it would be approved.
- c) Easement monitoring for Cole and Greenway: D. Hyde may have some names.

3) New Business:

- a) Nitrogen issues in Great Bay: A. Watts
Agreement being developed between D.E.S. and towns to further study the issue. Southeast Watershed Alliance hoping to work on a watershed plan with potential matching grant from D.E.S.. Hoping to set up a small fund but plan needs to be finalized. S. Shope asked if they have investigated the contribution of agriculture to the problem and how much phosphorous is a problem. A. Watts replied these would be looked into but the phosphorous more of a problem in fresh water.

Adjourn 8:20 pm

NCC member L. Hill, 5/16/11

