

MINUTES

Conservation Lands Review Committee

January 18, 2013

Present: Ned Beecher, John Mersfelder, Bob Seston, Chele Miller, Katy Thompson; also Susan Bryant-Kimball (assisting) and David White (assisting)

Draft minutes to be reviewed and approved at a subsequent meeting.

Meeting convened at 9:10 am.

4 Current potential conservation projects / projects in progress:

1. Map 203/ Lot 70 – old log landing north of Rte. 25 east of So. Tamworth

- 13.5 acres on the tax map; advertised as 19 acres
- formerly of Cersosimo, now owned by Harold Cook
- list price with Costantino \$179K
- Town list is \$39,000
- Questions
 - How much did Harold Cook pay for it?
 - What is the development potential? – Shoreland protection, septic permitting
- There were plans for a historic mill museum and kayaking
- What is the value for conservation?
 - Chele, Katy, John, Susan, and David will meet with Harold on site to discuss. Chris Conrod will be asked to join in too.

Map 414 / Lot 17 – Reich property

See minutes of January 2013 TCC minutes for details. Proceeding with survey.

Map 414 / Lot 64 – Gilman West

- See minutes of TCC meeting of January 2013 for details.
- Ned and Bob will talk to Tom Howe, noting CLRC and TCC interest and to start to figure out how much we'd have to contribute.
- Ned and Bob will ask Tom Howe about Mertinooke conservation – what happened there?

There was discussion of the capacity of the Commission to take on more monitoring.
Could timber tax from lands with cons. easements go to Conservation Fund for stewardship.

Map 420 / Lots 7 & 9 - Bearcamp Valley Farm South

- Would an easement on these parcels be worth a lot, given how much wetlands there are?
- Could we possibly make it work financially by leaving a house lot carve-out?
- Potential for boundary line adjustment with Kimball to pin down the line on the west.
- Ned will let Bob know that the conservation value is not nearly as high as on prior parcels. TCC cannot spend above real value.
- Katy will contact Lloyd & Day to get an opinion of value of each lot, including the buildings on them. This is a start to understanding how we might proceed. This is complicated.

Adjourning: John moved, Chele seconded, and all approved at 10:50 am.