

Minutes of the Owls Head Conservation Commission - Monday, April 8th, 2013

The meeting took place at the Owls Head Library and started at 7:00 p.m. Commission Members Kathryn DeMarderosian, Deena Carafelli, Jeanne Johnson and Alternate Members Diane Harrison, and John Ware were present.

The minutes from the March 25th, 2013 were approved.

Kathryn relayed her conversation with Marcel Polark, Director of the Maine Association of the Conservation Commissions. Unfortunately due to the distance, he will not be able to meet with our group in person. He will remain a good resource for our group. She also suggested that we consider joining the MACC. The group felt that this should be considered in the future once we establish some funding. Kathryn is also planning on attending the MACC conference at the end of the month.

Another issue came up as to whether these meetings should be open to the public. The group felt that we could publish the agenda prior to the meeting and if any sensitive topics needed to be addressed we could invoke an executive session. All Conservation Commission meeting will be held at either the community building or at the library.

Karen Rizcalla of St. George Realty has been in contact with Annette Naegel and Ken Wexler in regards to drafting an offer for the parcels of land. The group expressed interest in being kept informed as to the progress and would like to see the final offer prior to it being given to the sellers.

Deena brought up the language in the warrant for the special town meeting. Jeanne offered to check in with Pam to see the status of the warrant. *Update - Jeanne checked with Pam and the warrant has been drafted and sent on to MMA for approval. The Selectmen are scheduled to vote on the warrant on Tuesday, April 16th. The warrant reads as follows: **Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Owls Head Conservation Commission to purchase and administer for the Town the Buckminster property located in Owls Head Tax Map 007 Lot 192 and Map 11 Lot 1. The Conservation Commission will raise the funds to purchase and administer this property through gifts and /or grants. This authorization will extend until the 2014 Annual Town Meeting.**

The rest of the meeting was dedicated to planning for the Informational Meeting which will be held on April 22nd. Some of the topics that were discussed included:

- Updating the slide show
- Passing out flyers with photographs of the land
- Having the assessor's map on an easel

- Having someone(Tony DeMarderosian)do a simple drawing that would include some benches near the pond.
- Stewardship for the future of the property once it has been purchased
- The Conservation Commission's role in developing ideas to retain the open space

Other topics that may come up for discussion at the meeting include parking and hazardous materials that may be buried at the site,

We also discussed whether to have refreshments (we did decide and if anyone would like to bring either cookies or brownies that would be great). Kathryn will also borrow the power point projector for the slide presentation. She also asked if others would help with the presentation. Deena asked if she would send along the slides to look at prior to the meeting. Deena also said that she would make up some posters to put around advertising the meeting. John suggested that we have a sheet to sign up names of volunteers and people that would like to help with the project.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanne Johnson
Secretary
Owls Head Conservation Commission