

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting

3 June 2008

Members present: R. Stephen Leighton, Chairman, Lynn Sweet and Stephanie Gray.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

Among those attending were Jason Grant (School Board), Phil Auger (Conservation Commission), Dan Kern (Bear Paw) and Lynda Powers (School Board).

Draft of Conservation Easement Deed for Map 16, Lot 14 (School District Land) was reviewed and discussed. Much of the easement draft includes language as required by the Federal Government, standard in agreements involving funding through Bear Paw and other Federal Resources. Easement also includes language taken from the NH Department of Environmental Resources. Clarification of what constitutes management activities on the property was explained. It was noted that a "Stewardship Plan" must be in place prior to beginning any management activities, and what the plan should include. Mr. Leighton suggested that reserve area include the plateau as it "goes flat almost to the wetland". Mr. Leighton dug the test pits on the property and is familiar with the land. At the request of those present, he will attend the next meeting of the School Board scheduled for Wednesday, June 11th. Any changes will be included in revised easement draft.

Progress on the acquisition/easement projects on other properties located in Strafford was discussed. It was noted that the Bedford property (Map 8, Lot 10) located on Ricky Nelson Road, has been surveyed (almost 80 acres with frontage on the Isinglass River). The large number of tires that must be removed from Turner Porter's property (their responsibility and cost) known as Boulders at Strafford (Map 12, Lot 2) located on Pig Lane and following along the Isinglass River, was discussed. Cooper property (Map 1, Lot 7) fronting on Wild Goose Pond Road and Province Road was mentioned. Conservation easement donation will reserve the right for one house lot on the property. Property includes approximately 132 acres.

Progress with the construction of the new Town Office was discussed. After review of proposals, Board voted unanimously to accept Northeast Security's quotes for the panic alarm system and an interior door access alarm, and a change order for EMF Foundary.

It was noted that Board has a work session scheduled for 8:00 A.M. on Thursday, June 5, 2008.

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was made, seconded and voted to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.