

Land Conservation Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 10th, 2016

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Larry Sebranek. Those present were Larry Sebranek, Paul Kinney, John Turgasen, Steve Williamson, Marilyn Marshall, Gary Peters, Cathy Cooper, Kent Marshall, Ken Anderson and Tammy Cannoy-Bender.

Motion made by Steve Williamson to approve the agenda & proof of publication; second made by Paul Kinney. Motion carried.

Chairman Larry Sebranek approved the September 2016 minutes as mailed.

Cathy gave the Ash Creek Community Forest report. Conservation field days were held last week. Tuesday we had Ithaca, Riverdale and Eagle schools. Thursday was to be for Richland and St. Mary's unfortunately this date was canceled due to pending weather that never happened. This date will not be rescheduled. Chairman Larry Sebranek asked how the GPS-ing is going. Supervisor Gary Peters informed the committee that he has been unable to get any assistance from any of the emergency crew that have requested this information. He needs assistance doing this project.

Cathy gave the Mill Creek report. The dams have held up well after both of the flooding events. Ken Anderson and Mike Dreschmeier have done the inspections of some of the dams. The Dosch & Huth Dams both usually need the inlet area cleaned up after weather events as trash covers the pipes. The flooding in Boaz would have been much worse if the dams were not in place. Paul Kinney asked if there will be any FEMA money available for repairs. Cathy said that they maybe money available but, there really wasn't any damage to the dams.

Ken gave the Conservation Technician report. Since the storms have go through he has been doing site visits to take pictures and documenting damages in case there is money available in the future for this flooding. The county for the 2017 season will not have much money available for assistance. Working on getting a couple of this year's projects done. Need approval for a machinery crossing for Joe Triggs. Motion made by Gary Peters to approve the Triggs project, second made by Paul Kinney. Motion carried.

Kent gave the Farmland Preservation/Working Lands report. Working on nutrient management plans, Tammy has been working on the self-compliance forms and the certificates of compliance for the land owners that claim the farmland preservation (working lands) credit.

Cathy gave the County Conservationist report. The Southern Area Association meeting will be Tuesday October 25th at the Fitchburg Library. Gary Peters will be going with her.

The building lease; John Turgasen reported that things seem to be moving forward with the remodeling, with the completion date of December 1st, all of the work has to be done during working hours as the contractors do not have clearance to be in the building during none working hours. The November meeting may have to be held at a different location.

Conservation winners; the foresters have chosen Allen Halink and family for the forestry improvement as they have been doing a lot on their property. Cathy has spoken with Carlton & Todd, NRCS regarding the Wildlife Improvement award, they both suggested Nina & Craig Harmes as they had done a lot on the property for wildlife habitat. The Conservation Farmer, Cathy gave the committee a few choices, Tom Jorgensen, Tom Clary, Herb Bechtel and Nelson Kulp. Motion made by Paul Kinney to nominate the John A. Halink family for the Forestry Improvement award and Nina & Craig Harmes for the Wildlife Improvement award, second made by John Turgasen. Motion carried. Motion made by Gary Peters to nominate Nelson Culp for the Conservation Farmer award, should he deny the award the award should be offered to Tom Clary, second made by Steve Williamson. Motion carried.

The conservation banquet date, motion made by Gary Peters to set the cost for the meal at \$15.00 per meal, second made by John Turgasen. Motion carried. The date for the banquet will be November 2nd, with the dinner starting at 7 pm and Paul White will be the caterer.

Greg Cerven presented the 2017 Wildlife Damage Program, the budget will remain the same as 2016. Paul Kinney asked how many claimed damages for last year. Greg said that there was only 9 that claimed, however more people are asking for the tags but not opening up their land to other hunters. Greg still has to inspect the property to show that there is a thousand dollars in damages before tags can be issued. Motion made by Gary Peters to approve the budget as presented, second made by Steve Williamson. Motion carried.

There was no DNR report.

John Turgasen gave a brief FSA report. The office is short staffed and Joann is in the process of hiring a new person. There will be a meeting on Thursday, a post card went out for fall seeding.

No NRCS report.

The October bills were presented as follows; CK Norman Development, \$957.00; Greg Cerven, \$1,151.74; Premier Coop: \$175.61; Ben Meadows, \$135.78; Chuck Miller & Advance Dairy Solutions, \$1,590.55; Dale Servais. \$2,678.90. Motion made by Paul Kinney to approve the October bills; second made by Marilyn Marshall. Motion carried.

The next meeting is set for Monday November 14th, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Paul Kinney asked about the status of the truck, Ken Anderson informed him that it will be going back to Pine Valley on November 1st.

Motion made by Gary Peters to adjourn the meeting, second made by Marilyn Marshall. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Cooper
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