

Lyndeborough Conservation Commission, December 10, 2015

Members in attendance: Sharon Akers, Mike Hastey, Kurt Berna, Theresa Berna, Mike Decubellis, Greg Kreider

Minutes taken by: Theresa Berna

Rose Mountain

- They have not raised as much money as they had hoped and were hoping that we could dig a little deeper. They need to cover monitoring costs and costs associated with removing the boys scouts camp that has asbestos on it. The removal of the asbestos will cost approximately \$20,000. They are going to need an excavator to clear out the boys camp. They are using a special environmental company.
- We have had some recent deposits, current \$38,609.59 The \$30,000 is pledged out.

Prospective Town Forest – Off of Scout Road abutting the prospective PLC Rose Mtn. property

- There is a dilapidated house and a decrepit shed still on the property.
- The property is adjacent to the proposed PLC acquisition of Rose Mtn.
- Cleanup would require a lengthy walk with the debris.
- Mike and Sharon spoke with the selectman to discuss the plans for the lot and if they would support making the lot into a town forest. They did not have any plans and were in support.
- Without a plan to get rid of the debris it would be a bit awkward to look for the responsibility of the land. Could we get volunteers? Could we organize a removal?
- We should talk to the PLC to discuss if we could share a removal company (excavator) to remove the offending structures.
- This should be a high priority because it could provide primary access to Rose Mtn property
- Deadline to get it on the town ballot is approximately mid-January
- To get this on the ballot we should have a plan in place to get rid of the debris. The purpose of creating this into a town forest is to get a parking area and public access to Rose Mtn.
 - What if we got volunteers to remove the debris (gas tanks, stoves, etc) and bring to a truck and have the town remove the trash?
 - Structure is not safe and would have to be pushed down first before removal can begin.
- To do
 - Get a quote to remove the debris
 - Purpose:
 - To get a parking area for Rose Mtn
 - Make a trail with blocked access to jeeps on trail
 - This may be a good time so that we could piggy back off the current excitement associated with the Rose Mtn project.
 - Would we want to change Scout Road from a Class 6 road to a Class A (would allow abutters to continue to drive on it) or B trail.
 - Take a good pictures of the current access – boulders.

- Discussion with the PLC was to put an easement on the property. Currently, the time is not right because every time they take on a property they want \$15000 to \$18000 to cover maintenance costs.
- Two warrant articles – the first for a town forest and the second for an easement. An easement can be sold to a third party.
- Not too far off the trail from the Hager property. Potential access could be had by using the same excavator that the PLC will be using.
- Perhaps one of the first steps could be to ask if Kent could use the backhoe to remove the building
- The building needs to come down regardless. We could do this with the town or it could be just theirs.

We need to go on the table with this being a good idea, and that these are the ideas that we have talked about. This is something that needs to get on the ballot.

Perhaps schedule a walk on December 20, 2:00pm to walk around. Sharon will send out a confirmation email the day before. Would we want to invite the selectman and road agent? Mike will send an email to invite selectmen and road agent. Terry will make cookies.

Putnam Pond (state owned and managed by conservation commission)

- Lee wants the parking lots spiffed up and trees cleaned up.
- We have the option of making cuts on it with the stipulation that any money made would go right back into the property.
- Greg has some ideas for the property and will lead this venture.

Lower Falls

- There is an upswing of graffiti on the rock as you are on the main trails.
- This would be a combined effort between us and the SVLT (more of our responsibility) to remove the graffiti.
- Is there a solvent or other substance that could be used to remove the paint?
- Could we get some signage to state the purpose of the property?

Meeting is to be extended to Lot 216-4 on December 20th at 2 pm where we will have further discussion on the plan to potentially make that a town forest.

Meeting extension minutes: Walk up to the dilapidated house.

In attendance: Sharron Akers, Greg Kreider, Mike Decubellis, Kurt Berna, Theresa Berna

Others in attendance: Russ Boland (Town administrator), Ben Haubrich (volunteer of the year for PLC), Matt Lalley

- We saw the structure and discussed the work required to make the area safe. This is already owned by the town and is currently a hazard
- There are benefits to conserving this land because it would provide access to Rose Mt.
- There are some other areas that we saw that could provide better trails to Rose Mt.
- The motion was made to move forward with asking the town turn this parcel into a town forest by Sharon Akers. Seconded by Kurt Berna. All agreed.

