

Approved Minutes
Saturday, May 12, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.
Meet at Dudley Preserve Fields
County Road

Members Present: Peter Perkins, John Hammarlund, Kim Brockett, Janet Dudley, Diane Auger
Absent: Clifford Merin

Staff: Kevin Magee – Environmental Planner

Chairman Peter Perkins called the meeting to order at 9:15 A.M.

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Csmr. Peter Perkins and seconded by Csmr. Hammarlund to approve the agenda and it was unanimously approved.

2. Conduct site walk of two Dudley Preserve hay fields.

Charles Potter, the license of the Dudley Preserve hay fields was present for the walk meeting. The commission walked the perimeter of the larger hay field and observed invasive brush growing at the edge of the fields. The commission discussed with Charles the lacrosse practice at the property. Charles indicated that the Park and Recreation staff cut the grass twice this year which included a larger area. Charles indicated that he is somewhat OK with the lacrosse utilizing the field since he is involved with the organization. The commissioners advised Charles that if it becomes a problem to let them know.

3. Conduct site walk of Northern Heights Hay Fields.

John Hammarlund the license of the Northern Heights hay fields, showed the commission sections of the property that he has concerns with. John's concerns were with access to the fields since the farm road that he has been utilizing by the water tank is on the neighbor's property and holes developing from the subdivision test holes. John would like permission to fill in the holes and would like the town to assist with the construction of a new entrance.

There were areas of brush growing up in the wooded area on the west side of the property. John indicated that he started clearing this area but it will take time to get it all since the previous license did not brush hog. Kevin Magee noted public works would like to plant coniferous trees to stop the snow blowing in to the road near the intersection of North View Drive and Wimler Lane. The commissioners believe that the trees planted at the road will not stop the problem since the snow will blow over the trees and accumulate in the road. They indicated that public works could install several layers of snow fencing in the field.

4. Conduct site walk of Northern Heights Grazing Area.

Diane Auger excused herself from the meeting.

Dino Esposito the license of the Northern Heights Grazing Area was presented for site walk.

The commission viewed the fields utilized for grazing, the new well, pump house and watering area. Dino Esposito showed the commission the steep grade between the middle field and the western field that he would like to install an access way. Currently there is no access to the western field due to brush and a wet area on the northern side. The commission asked Dino to provide them with a cost estimate for installing the access way. The middle field and western field has multi flora rose taking over the grazing area. Dino was advised that this multiflora rose should be removed.

5. Adjournment

Motion by Csmr. Janet Dudley and seconded by Csmr. Kim Brockett to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by

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