

Lakeville Conservation Commission      March 5, 2011      7:40 p.m.

Joint Meeting with Board of Selectmen:

Members present: Joe Chamberlain, Bob Bouchard, Linda Grubb, Mike Schroeder, Emery Orrall,  
Commission Agent Tara Martin

Member Orrall presented current agent hours and asked for budget allowing for three more hours so that the office can be open all week. He reported that we are in need of budgeted funds as our fund will be depleted the end of this fiscal year.

Town Accountant Cindy MacCrae reported that the fund we have been using accrued from fees when all the work was being done by volunteers.

Member Grubb reported that part of the state-mandated fees goes to the state and that the part the Commission keeps must be used only to enforce the Wetlands Protection Act. The administrative fees we have been collecting have all gone to the general fund in the amount of about five thousand dollars a year.

The Selectmen responded that our request was a responsible one and they would have to see if the funds were available.

The Commission retired to the Conference room at 7: 58 and opened its meeting. Members present as listed above.

Discussion of water withdrawal by-law: Concern was expressed that small scale farmers need to be exempted. Conservation Commission is to be included in the supervision of hydrant withdrawal so that DEP can be brought in if necessary. Tara will pass the by-law on to Planning Board with Conservation Commission included in withdrawal supervision and provision for use of water on one's own property.

Concern was expressed that fees are not being charged correctly especially if more than one activity. Tara will investigate.

Noted that the DEP software is extremely difficult and time consuming to use.

It was decided that with the Commission meeting a second time each month that we will drop the 7-7:30 business discussion and begin hearings at 7:00 starting in April.

Joe moved to close the meeting at 8:30. Bob seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken by Commission member Mike Schroeder