



Minutes 10-19-15

Present: Ken Minck, Suzanna Brown, Nancy Volatile-Wood, Bill Ellis, Kent Henderson, Rob Meader, Fred Grimm, and guest Nathaniel Neider, St. Albans town planner and new Georgia resident.

7:01 Call to order by Kent Henderson.

Welcome: Kent introduced Nathaniel to the commission members.

Select board members Chris Letourneau and Matt Crawford joined the meeting.

Matt gave an accounting of the sudden notice and work that was done on the RGNA site and that the work started before the town had a chance to react to the notice. So far, there is no indication that any historic articles were turned up, and the Select Board will keep GCC notified of the outcome of the dig.

Kent reported that engineer Sam Ruggiano informed him that the Town Administrator would be his contact person for the parking lot design, which differed from GCC's understanding—Chris indicated he would look into the matter.

Town ROW from Deer Brook Drive – this matter should be coming before the planning commission in the near future. Since the town planner has resigned, no date for this hearing is set. And GCC indicated that we definitely want to be notified and part of this ongoing process.

Bids to survey legal trail #4 have been received.

Kent thanked the SB members for taking extra volunteer time on their part to attend our meeting and keeping the GCC informed.

Minutes: September minutes were adopted with two spelling changes by Rob and 2nd by Fred-Unanimous.

Financial Report:

General fund	171,716.66
CRF	19,940.62
Line item balance	1367.01

Suz moved the financials and Bill 2nd Unanimous

Select Board Minutes review: 9-28-15 Discussion about RGNA and other work at the site-possible October planning commission hearing. After much discussion it was decided the GCC will request to give testimony at this hearing.....at issue is the 104A curb cut for the new parking lot. Since the engineering bid was delayed and subsequently placed far down the firm's work list, it is doubtful that GCC will receive the curb cut in a timely fashion. If the commission does not receive a curb cut from VAOT, the existing deeded ROW to the parcel from Deer Brook Drive should be retained as the remaining option for parking access to the RGNA Deer Brook trail way.

On-going business:

RGNA parking lot: Pervious surface structures and costs for the parking lot were introduced.

Moseley parcel: Letter of intent has not been returned to the Vermont Land Trust as of this date.

By-laws review and edit: Tabled

2015 Line Item discussion: Suz made a motion to purchase a stone bench for RGNA and a metal bench for the Henley Webster Town Forest trail. The stone bench will be stored at Garveys Gardens till spring at no charge. Fred 2nd. After discussion the motion passed unanimously, Nancy to send out additional information about the benches via email.

Henley Webster Forest Trail. Ken visited the site and could not locate the NE corner. He has contacted Howard Webster. Date of 11/14 or 15th to visit the site for preliminary trail assessments will go out as a survey to GCC members later in the month.

2015 Budget: Line items: Fees and Education \$500, Trail Maintenance and RGNA forest management plan \$1500

Conservation Reserve Fund 12,000

Funded by monies in the GCC general account: Scholarship \$500, ROW \$1000, FNLC \$600, Green-up VT \$200 RGNA Parking lot \$12,000

AVCC Mini Grant: \$600

New business:

2016 Budget: Request for budget info to be submitted by Nov. 4th. The budget was discussed and Kent and Nancy will finalize the document and make arrangements to present it to the select board.

Other:

Joint meeting with Library for outreach on Town Forests was extremely well performed but poorly attended.

9:15 Adjourn