

Chairperson Sam Demeritt opened the meeting at 7:25. Other members in attendance were Raelene Shippee-Rice, Susan Mooney, Johan Kerkhove, alternate, who was seated for Terry Bonser and Paul Miliotis, alternate, who was seated for Cheryl Smith.

Conservation Easement(s): Members reviewed a document from the Business Office that indicated the monies in the Conservation Fund (CF) from January 1, 2015 to April 30, 2015. Funds had been removed for the P1 Fernald conservation easement (CE), and we reviewed how the remaining resources were to be allocated. There seemed to be some confusion as to why a sum of monies from the 2014 Land Use Change Tax was placed into the CF and then removed from the CF. Demeritt and Mooney will ask the business office for clarification. With "our math" it appears that the CF would be short by a little under \$5000 dollars for the Sweetser CE. It was determined that this high conservation value project is more immediate than other pending projects that have been slow to move forward. When these latter projects do finally come to the table, there should be additional and sufficient monies in the CF at that future time.

It was moved by Shippee-Rice to support the Sweetser conservation easement project with \$56,106 from the town's Conservation Fund. Kerkhove seconded the motion and all five (5) votes were in favor.

(Note: The Commission voted at an earlier meeting held on September 16, 2014, during a non-public session because the project was confidential at that time, to pledge a sum of \$2650 from the CF to pay for half of the cost of an appraisal and conceptual plan. The total pledged now stands at \$58,756. At the meeting with the Board of Selectmen for the Commission's quarterly meeting Viale requested a round sum of \$60,000 for the project. An additional motion and vote will be necessary to increase the amount committed from the CF by \$1244 to bring the total to \$60,000.)

Mooney moved that the meeting be adjourned. Shippee-Rice seconded the motion. All five (5) votes were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan P. Mooney, Secretary.

These minutes were accepted as amended at the meeting held on July 13, 2015.