

Meeting Notes – 12/2/15 – PMW

Members Present: Deb, Paul, Laura (via Skype), Sam (7:10), Corine (7:45)

Guest: Stephen Pilcher (8:45-8:55)

- 1) Called to order at 7:05 PM
- 2) Minutes of November meeting. Deb moved to accept as read, Paul seconded, so voted.
- 3) Discussion of current project property: Sam indicated that all was going as planned, close by next October, contribution approval by ANAC needed in the spring. VHCB will get budget for this project in the spring. A standard site visit will be conducted. ANAC contribution amount to be determined after the site visit.
- 4) The ANAC budget was discussed. It was noted that the old 2% appropriation would net ~\$40,000, last year we received \$10,000. To ensure that we have enough money for potential projects in the future, the amount of \$20,000 was settled on. Sam moved to ask for an appropriation of \$20,000 for the next fiscal year, Paul seconded, so voted. A discussion of the operating budget ensued and it was noted that we might have overspent our current budget on the ANAC brochures. Estimated expenses for next year were secretarial support (\$600), facilitator for inter-town meeting (\$500) and supplies (\$400) for a total of \$1500. Since these numbers were not final and may be reduced, Paul moved that the operating budget request should not exceed \$1500, Sam seconded, so moved.
- 5) Laura brought up the yearly report requirement for the town report. Items to be included were: 1) Rotax project/site visit/flora found/Martin and town property integration, 2) larger project under consideration for 2016 close/coordination with planning commission/VLT, VHCB and ANAC joint cost share for the appraisal, 3) participation with surrounding towns and regional conservation projects/inter-town meeting planned for January 2016, 4) town fair participation/wildlife sightings map, 5) project with Sue Morse at the Waldorf School in Shelburne.
- 6) Inter-town meeting discussion. New Haven, Charlotte, Hinesburg, Starksboro, Bristol and Monkton will likely be attending. Laura to send out a reminder letter with the agenda to the towns on next Tuesday. Paul agreed to facilitate the meeting. Laura to talk with Kevin Behm of ACRP. The towns will be asked which project they will talk about. ANAC to choose project at January meeting.
- 7) Steve Pilcher joined the meeting for the discussion about the Rotax/TNC project. Bob Heiser will create a short addendum to the management plan but a new plan covering all the property needs to be developed within the next year. A discussion about transferring the parcel to the town with or without the conservation easement was discussed. Stephen described the Select Board's current feelings and will discuss the issue with Bob Heiser. Nothing for ANAC to do on this; Laura will talk to the CC about revising the management plan.
- 8) Rachel is still in dissertation mode and will serve as an alternate.
- 9) No other business.
- 10) Next meeting date set for January 6, 2016.
- 11) At 9:18PM Paul moved to adjourn, Deb seconded, meeting adjourned.