

Nahaco Commission Minutes for February 12, 2014

Meeting held at Woodstock Town Hall

Members Present: Mary Ellen Ellsworth, Gary Kendrick, Tony Perreault, Chuck Lee, Beach Baywood, Tom Hawkins, Missy Vincent.

Late arrival: Sam Asikainen 7:21PM

Members Absent: Philippa Paquette,

Guest: Rob Davis, Sue Orcutt

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05PM.
2. **Motion:** To seat Missy Vincent. B. Baywood / C. Lee, Motion Carried. Unanimous.
Missy Vincent appointed acting secretary.
3. **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the January 8, 2014 meeting, with the following corrections:
 2. Missy Vincent seated. Unanimous
 - 6A. Katie Sokoloski.
 17. . . had not written an official letter to the first selectmen
C. Lee/T. Perreault, Motion Carried. Unanimous.
4. Guest: Sue Orcutt presented a proposed schedule to teach Yoga Classes at the Camp in the Dining Hall. She will hold two eight-week sessions: Mondays 6:30-7:30 May 5, 12, 19 and June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and also Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 August 6, 13, 20, 27 and September 3, 10, 17, 24. The Commission will move two meetings to the Arts and Crafts Building for the Aug 6 and Sept 3 scheduled meetings to free up the Dining Hall. The Commission approved the dates and that Sue can begin to advertise through the Towns' Recreation Committees and the Communicator.
5. Mary Ellen Ellsworth reported that she had a very fruitful and positive conversation with Eastford First Selectman, Art Brodeur.
Motion: That there be a convening of the Select Board of Eastford and the Select Board of Woodstock, together with the full Nahaco Park Commission, to discuss the future direction of Camp Nahaco Park. C. Lee/B. Baywood. Motion Carried. Unanimous.
M. E. Ellsworth read a letter from the Woodstock Selectmen, stating that no meetings were necessary concerning the Nahaco budget request.
STEAP update is that the Town of Woodstock will send their grant proposals to the State of CT by the middle of March.
6. Tom Hawkins reported on calendar and rentals. Currently there are 8 CRO rentals scheduled for 2014; 5 other parties are interested. Three "no charge rentals" have been confirmed, including the Eastford Senior Picnic- July 12; Appreciation of Eastford Firefighters- June 14; Eastford Girl Scouts- May 31.
7. Maintenance

- A. Trails, Pump House and Dining Hall: Gary Kendrick noted that the trail markers are becoming quite faded and need to be repainted. Tony Perreault will put out an email notice to Boy Scout groups, mentioning trail work as a possible Eagle Scout project. Chuck Lee will contact former Commission member Mike Bartlett, who originally marked the trails, for input. Goal is to have this done before the Spring Volunteer Day.
- B. Beach Baywood noted that the water lines have continued to freeze. Rob Davis confirmed that he has dealt with frozen pipes in his cabin approx. 15-20 days this winter. B. Baywood presented two quotes obtained from Woodstock Builders and LaFramboise Well Drilling, Inc. After review of that information along with several options for a new water-heating system, the Commission agreed that \$20,000 will be budgeted for the Pump House Project.
- C. Tree Inspection, Trimming: Rob Davis reported that he and Denis Day did an evaluation of the trees needing either to be removed or trimmed on the dining hall side of the camp. They have tagged the trees accordingly with the code of Green tag = remove / Yellow tag = trim. Rob feels that he is capable of some of the trimming, but said that he would contact Linden Tree Service for a price to do most of the trimming using a bucket truck. The Commission agreed with this plan to split the work. Weather permitting, the work will begin in March, with a completion date of early April.
- D. Electric Service and Rates: Gary Kendrick reported that an Energy Audit will be performed once the power in the dining hall is turned on again.
- E. Annual Nahaco Commission "walk around" date is scheduled for April 2 at 5:30 PM, before our regularly scheduled meeting. M. E. Ellsworth will switch the Commission's meeting places to be in Woodstock for March and Eastford in April, to make the transition from the walk to meeting more convenient. She will notify the towns of these changes.
- F. Spring Volunteer Day:
 - 1) Date: Saturday, May 3. Rain date of May 4.
 - 2) Event Coordinators: G Kendrick, T. Hawkins.
 - 3) Publicity, and Volunteer recruiting: S. Asikainen will contact Eastford Elementary and Woodstock Academy; P. Paquette will contact Hyde School, and J. Larkin will contact day camp parents; M. E. Ellsworth will contact Pomfret School and Giv Squared.

8. Treasurer's Report: B. Baywood reported January Fund Balance = \$11,669.80.

9. Budget Planning:

- A. B. Baywood reported on the Proposed Budget for 2014-2015.
- B. M. E. Ellsworth noted that the First Selectman of Eastford has requested Nahaco Commission participation in Eastford's March 29 LOCIP meeting.
- C. A list of capital expenditures compiled by Baywood and Ellsworth was reviewed and discussed. M. E. Ellsworth expressed the need to prioritize this list before meeting with the Select Boards.
- D. Possible fund raisers: Gary Kendrick noted that sales of holiday wreaths or Christmas trees would be congruent with Nahaco Park.
- E. Donations: "Friend of Nahaco" emblems referenced.

10. STEAP 2014 update – see item 5.

11. Acknowledgements of Assistance to Camp Nahaco:

- A. Discussion of a letter received from Allyson Clarke, Property Agent for the State of CT DEEP. Items of concern stated in letter include the lack of a requisite project sign, the removal of cabins on the conservation parcel, proposed changes to be made on Web pages.

Motion: To modify the TOE "Camp Nahaco Park Commission" web page to remove the Town names where it is stated that the camp is for the "enjoyment of Eastford and Woodstock Citizens." T.Perreault/S.Asikainen

Motion Carried. B.Baywood Abstained / C.Lee Opposed

- B. **Motion:** To revise the wording for the outdoor sign and to include the DEEP Logo and the logos of the Towns of Eastford and Woodstock. C.Lee/T.Perreault

Motion Carried. Unanimous

Sam Asikainen will follow up with Graphics United to obtain a cost for the outdoor sign to include the approved changes.

- C. The Commission tabled any further action on the indoor sign.
- D. Rob Davis reported that burning the two cabins/structures on the other side of the lake is not legal, according to Tim Young. Other options were discussed. Rob Davis and Chuck Lee will assess taking down the upper camp latrines in early May.

12. Paintings. No action.

13. Woodstock member, one Commission opening. No action.

14. Communications:

- A. M. E. Ellsworth passed out copy of "Nahaco News" for February 2014.
- B. M. E. Ellsworth shared an update from Jen Larkin, Director of the Day Camp at Crystal Pond. This year's day camp registration forms will go out this month, and the staff application process has begun. J. Larkin said that if all goes well, the day camp will be offering a lunch program this year, at an additional \$20 per week per camper, or an "add a day" price of \$4.50 that day. The Commission has asked Jen to check as to whether the caterer has a catering licenses and whether he will bring

the food hot to the camp. If the plan is to heat the food in the Nahaco kitchen, we have asked Jen to check with the Public Health Department re their requirements/O.K.

- C. Discussion ensued on the comments reported on Facebook by WINY. Concern was expressed by several members and Rob Davis that the comments made by C. Lee at the January Eastford Board of Selectmen meeting and reported on by WINY were alarming and misleading. The primary debate was on how the report described the condition of the Care Taker's Cabin, in which Rob Davis resides. Rob reported that he visited with First Selectmen and assured them that his living conditions were not as reported. Chuck agreed that the reporting may have been inaccurate, but that some of his concerns about Camp Nahaco Park remain.

- D. Town Web pages: see motion in item 11

15. No Other Items.

16 Meeting adjourned at 9:49.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Vincent