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Contoocook Village Precinct
Monthly Meeting

June 10, 2008

There was a meeting of the Contoocook Village Precinct Commissioners on Tuesday June 10, 2008. The meeting was held at the Precinct's utility building on Kearsarge Ave. and began at 7 P.M. Bob Carpenter, Mark Hemmerlein, Bill Chapin, Dick Strickford, Sharon Dow, Sandi Babson, and Steve Clough were present.

The commissioners welcomed Sandi aboard as the Precinct's new bookkeeper. Sandi will also fill the position of Precinct Treasurer until the next elections at the Annual Meeting of 2009. The Commissioners thanked Sharon for her service and wished her luck in the future.

Steve went over a couple of issues. The Commissioners approved the 2008 Consumer Confidence Report. The report must be mailed to all Precinct customers by June 30, 2008. The report will be held until the Commissioners draft a letter on the water ban and they will be mailed together. The Corpro annual maintenance on the Bound Tree Road Storage Tank was approved.

The Commissioners decided what to include in their public mailing on the water ban. They will clarify exactly what is allowed and what isn't allowed, include a sign system explanation for eventual limited outside usage, and will assure customers that Drinking Water and Fire Protection will remain priorities for the Precinct. Signs will be ordered and notices will be posted around town at various locations. Sandi volunteered to put a Precinct Page on the town website where minutes, outside watering information, and other news could be posted. Whether to publish articles was also discussed.

Enforcement and regulations were discussed. Dick went over an RSA directed at lawn watering restriction notification. Reasonable penalties were discussed for putting the entire Precinct in Jeopardy by violating the ban. It was decided that nighttime patrols might be necessary but warnings would have to be given another way. Mark suggested getting doorknob hangers to put on buildings where water use violations were detected. Some will be purchased.

Dick went over a few issues. The commissioners approved a notice that he wants to mail to customers who will be affected by the Spring Street water main cleaning and relining project. Heitkamp, Inc. is planning on starting the project on August 1st. The notice will also be sent to residents of Pinewood Drive and Snowshoe Trail as they will

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be affected by temporary water lines and traffic. Steve is locating all shutoffs and Scott Coen will be installing a necessary valve where the cleaning is going to begin.

Dick has been checking Bear Pond and the watershed on a weekly basis. There is usually water going over the batter board this time of year but there isn't this year. Two weeks ago water was going over the Board, one week ago it was going down, and currently there is about one inch behind the board.

Dick has had further discussions with Mr. Ries, who owns Lot 16, which is partly in the Bear Pond watershed. It is two separate parcels. One parcel is 120 acres and the owner wants to hold onto it. He is, however, willing to sell the other parcel which is 110 acres.

The land is currently under conservation easement and the deed stipulates that the parcels should be sold together. Mr. Ries will try to get a waiver so that the Precinct can consider purchasing the parcel that is in the watershed. The Precinct currently has no access to its watershed property that is located at the rear of the Pond (It can only be reached from the front). The owner is willing to provide an easement across his property to the Precinct's property if a purchase can't be worked out.

The commissioners discussed the tardy connection fees on the River Grant Condo complex. They will contact the contractor and the Condo Assoc. and pursue the payment by whatever means is necessary.

The meeting's issues were reviewed. The letter will be written, reviewed, and given to Sandi and Steve for mailing. The commissioners will make the final decisions, order the signs, purchase the door knob hangers, and set some procedures for enforcement.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Submitted by:

Steve Clough

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