

Minutes of Henniker Conservation Commission Open Space Subcommittee Meeting

Grange Building 7:00 PM

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Members present: Sher Kamman, Denise Rico, Scott Osgood

Also present: Ian McSweeney of the Russell Foundation

1.) Ian McSweeney reviewed the Russell Foundation's new policy for assistance with conservation projects. They have expanded their working area beyond the Piscataquog watershed to include all the area of towns that have portions of the watershed. They will now be offering financial and advisory assistance for conservation projects within these towns even though they may fall outside of the Piscataquog watershed. The foundation can fund up to 50% of a project's cost and often partners with other organizations on large projects. They also offer short-term conservation loans.

2.) The next conservation information session is planned for the northwest quadrant of town in either January or February. Brian Hotz of the Society for the Protection of NH Forests has agreed to present the information. The meeting will be held at a home in the area and invitations will be sent to landowners.

A follow-up conservation meeting may be scheduled for landowners in the northeast quadrant.

3.) The Natural Resource Inventory needs to be updated to include soils data. It was suggested that it should also include historic resources. The Conservation Priority maps will be updated. An Open Space work session will be scheduled to review the updates and assign tasks. The Conservation Commission will be consulted for approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Rico