

Nelson Conservation Commission
Meeting February 18, 2016
Minutes

Draft

Special meeting to review and revise the draft Conservation Easement re Osgood and Hurd Hill:

The meeting started at 7:35 with Dave Patek, Anne McBride, and Tom Newcombe attending.

The group discussed every page of the latest Easement draft, focusing especially on Reserved Rights and which ones required, or did not require, a Stewardship Plan. We located as many redundant references to individual Reserved Rights as we could, and made edits where we found inconsistencies or ambiguities.

We realized for the first time that the Stewardship Plan section was actually a part of the 'Reserved Rights' section, and that after describing the mechanics of adopting a Stewardship Plan, there were suddenly some additional sections containing Restrictions on previously defined Reserved Rights. Very conflicting and redundant. We concluded that a reorganization of that section will be required to completely separate Reserved Rights from Stewardship plan, and also that some deletions of the redundant 'restrictions' are needed.

We agreed that Anne would email Stephen Froling and ask his recommendation for who should re-draft to accomplish the above. Anne has sent that email which includes examples of many specific areas in question.

Project expenses:

Before leaving we looked briefly at copies of the 'Project Expense' spreadsheet that Stephen Froling of the Harris Center left with us at the end of our last meeting – as modified first by Kathy Schillemat and then by Tom Newcombe, which I emailed back to all members. We agreed to use the re-formatted version of the spreadsheet to compile remaining transaction costs, as they become known. The spreadsheet will re-calculate subtotals and share %'s of all expenses in separate Harris Center and Nelson columns, and also calculate the remainder of Nelson funds left over for the new Trust Fund. We will have to discuss and eventually vote to expend whatever amounts we decide are appropriate above the previously-voted totals – once all the final numbers have been compiled.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55.

Tom Newcombe
Note Taker

