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Ashby Conservation Commission

Minutes for the Meeting of June 27, 2012

Meeting opened at 7:00 with Tim Bauman, Cathy Kristofferson, Bob Leary, and Roberta Flashman in attendance.

New Business:

In response to a discussion at the most recent Mt. Watatic Management Committee about building a couple of kiosks to display maps at the Reservation, A motion was made and seconded to purchase materials for a kiosk to be placed on the Mt. Watatic Reservation property.

Discussion:

There is currently \$214.06 left in the Commission budget. This will be returned to the General Fund at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2012.

If materials were purchased, members were uncomfortable with storing them at the State Forest headquarters, especially in view of Ed Torcolletti's impending retirement.

It was unclear to Commissioners where the kiosk was to be placed. Although it was obvious that the Commission would only be willing to purchase materials for a kiosk on the Mt. Watatic Reservation property, no locations had been discussed at the Mt Watatic Management Committee meeting.

It was also unclear who would provide that manpower and expertise to build the kiosks. Although there had been discussion of getting the project onto the list of projects to be built by Monty Tech students, no clear plan was in place at this time.

The Commission's budget is not large enough to cover the full list of materials. Lorraine DeSousa had emailed the list to Commission members. Evidently the list had been used to build a couple of kiosks in Ashburnham. The total of the materials was \$280.60 – an estimate from pricing materials in 2010 at Home Depot. This amount is below the \$500 limit that requires 3 competitive quotes prior to purchase, but with only 3 days left in the month, it is close to impossible to get a quote on materials at today's pricing and make a determination of which section of the materials list to purchase.

For all these reasons, the Commissions agreed to take no action on this motion at this time.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Flashman