

**Beaver Brook Farm Committee  
February 25, 2016**

**Present for the Committee:** Chairman Ellis Neofotistos, Dave Paquin, May Paquette, Warren Shaw and Andy Graham. Also present was Elizabeth Ware, Director of Community Development and Recording Secretary Samantha Carver. The meeting was held at the Town Hall in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room.

Absent: Don Plummer, Debra Dewitt Ahearn

The Chairman opened the meeting at 6:01 p.m. The Committee reviewed the minutes of the last meeting February 11, 2016. Mr. Neofotistos had two grammatical corrections on the minutes.

Mr. Shaw made a motion to approve the minutes of February 11, 2016 as corrected. Mr. Paquin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Committee reviewed information in their agenda relative to having a member of the public body participate remotely. Mr. Neofotistos read parts of the requirement adopting this practice in a community. There are certain reasons that would allow someone to be able to participate remotely and this practice would have to be adopted by the Board of Selectmen. The secretary will bring it to the Town Manager to address the Selectmen.

The Committee was curious to know if a member could sit and listen remotely without participating in the meeting.

Ms. Ware reported that the report from Brian Pfeiffer would not be received until next week and she would get copies to the Committee before the next meeting. Mr. Pfeiffer will also be present at the next meeting to discuss his findings.

The Committee reviewed sampled provided them of a conservation restriction and a historical restriction.

The Committee discussed the Eagle Scouts and wanting to view the property to see if they could do projects at Beaver Brook or possibly have a camp out there. The Committee discussed the liability to the town and it was discussed that they may be able to provide their own liability insurance in order to use the property for a camp out night. Mr. Graham stated that they have forms at the School Department that people fill out describing the activity they would like to do at the school or on the school property, he could forward the form as an example for the Town to use.

Ms. Ware pointed out that restrictions can also be placed on things inside the buildings as shown on the restriction examples.

Mr. Shaw asked about the condition of the buildings and Ms. Ware described them to him when she and Mr. Pfeiffer and the others were on site doing their assessment of the buildings.

Mr. Shaw asked if there was any recreational things that the Committee or others might be thinking of for the summer that might take place at the property. Mr. Shaw stated that maybe Mr. Buxton and his staff could try and clean out the area on the school side near the bridge which is over grown. There was some discussion on this. There was a discussion on the condition of the bridge and whether it needed some pavement on it.

**Next Meeting Agenda**

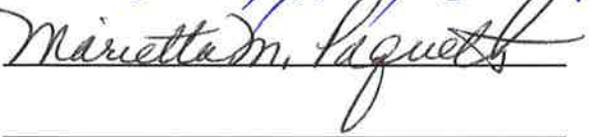
The Committee discussed the next meeting date to be March 10, 2016 and Mr. Pfeiffer will be present to discuss his report. Mr. Neofotistos stated they will have the Agricultural Committee at the meeting following which would be March 24, 2016.

Ms. Paquette noted that she knows DATV is looking at a different space at the mill to move into and are discussing it with the new owner of the mill. Mr. Shaw talked about New Sustainable Farming and Ms. Ware stated they haven't toured the property yet, but it didn't sound like they had a good funding source to operate by because they use a lot of grant monies.

**Adjourn**

Mr. Shaw made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Mr. Paquin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**BEAVER BROOK FARM COMMITTEE**

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<u>        Absent: Don Plummer        </u>	