

**TOWN OF NEW GLARUS  
PARKS COMMISSION MEETING  
APRIL 29, 2015  
MINUTES**

ATTENDING: Chris Narveson, Dana Emmerton, Chris Reis, Harry Pulliam and Susan McCallum, Deputy Clerk.

ABSENT: Andy Elkins

ALSO ATTENDING: Jessie Fink arrived at 7:35pm.

CALL TO ORDER: H. Pulliam called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

AGENDA:

1. Proof of Posting: S. McCallum attested that the agenda was properly posted.
2. Discuss and consider March 11, 2015 minutes:  
C. Narveson moved to approve the March 11, 2015 minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Reis. Motion carried.
3. Public Comments: None.
4. Discussion with BBRC Liason, A. Ingwell: Was not in attendance.
5. Discuss Spring Workshop, recap: approve \$7.43 reimburse- Emmerton, approve \$8.56 Roy's, approve \$100.00 Beck/Holstrom honorarium, approve additional tree order Green County Conservation \$40.00: D. Emmerton was disappointed with the low attendance, maybe due to a work day. The speakers on bees were very informative and they felt that maybe this activity is more difficult than thought. C. Narveson moved to approve the expenditures as listed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Emmerton. Motion carried.
6. Discuss and consider trail location and viewing with DNR representative: H. Pulliam met with the two DNR representatives on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. F. Fetter will no longer be with the DNR after May 1, he offered volunteer help with the project. They would not walk on properties without permission from the land owners. They drove along Valley View Rd. and looked at the Sugar River crossing on the road, then parked off Hwy 69 by the brewery and briefly walked along the creek. It looked like the side on the north side of the stream is more reasonable due to topography and vegetation, this would need a bridge across Spring Valley Creek near the Little Sugar. They felt this could be a simple bridge. Fetter said you could take down trees but not grub them out without a permit, because you would be disturbing the soils in a wetland. Their recommendation is to take the trees out and plant grasses to hold the banks in place. H. Pulliam felt the trail is not an ideal situation due to; no parking but roadway on Valley View Rd. and have a crossing on 69 in the 55 mile speed zone coming down the hill from the South. H. Pulliam spoke with Deb Carey and explained where the location is being proposed. She is opposed to cutting trees on the streams and was concerned about people getting closer to the back of her property. He suggested to her that she might want to be involved in the process, she did not confirm. J. Fink suggested you communicate that you could take out selective trees such as invasive Box Elders and some would be replanted with an appropriate type which could be staggered. H. Pulliam asked where they should we go from here. C. Narveson suggested maybe

they look at the northerly trail option coming through the proposed Back Town area. They reviewed the new map from Green County for possibilities. The stream north of Spring Valley was traced and followed to where it goes near the schools, the schools could use it and there is parking. It would include going through the Village, this could be a joint project. This topic will be put back on the agenda for next month.

7. Discuss and consider Tree Sales Program date and distribution: S. McCallum presented a draft press release and flier for the sales on the 9<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall. D. Emmerton will be organizing the scouts for the sales. There was general discussion of the process from last year.

8. Adjourn to view new Town Hall location with landscape architect: H. Pulliam distributed information on decorative cows from Cow Painters located in Chicago; as there was interest in locating one at the new Town Hall. They reviewed the expense- \$1,500 for a blank one, fiberglass, weighs 150 lbs., who would paint and cost, locate on a cement slab and shipping costs- \$300 or pick-up. He spoke with the New Glarus Chamber, the original ones came from Switzerland and they said a while back the clinic was interested in selling theirs. The Chamber offered to make the call to see if they are still intending to sell it. There was general discussion about designs for the cow and who could paint.

McCallum distributed photos of the location from 2007, some items have changed and/or have become overgrown. She also included information on rain garden plants, no mow lawns and more. The Patrolman and she went to the location and turned off the parking lot lights.

It was decided to meet Wednesday May 20 at 7pm. C. Narveson moved to adjourn at 8:10pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Emmerton. Motion carried.