

ii. Weed wrench purchase

B. McCann spoke in reference to the weed wrench that was originally purchased personally by Geoff Gwyther. A weed wrench is a large device that is used to remove a plant from the ground, roots and all, similar to a crow bar. The wrench will facilitate the removal of invasive plants throughout the Town. At the Meeting last month, the Commission agreed to submit a reimbursement form to the Business Administrator and pay Mr. Gwyther for the expense. The wrench cost \$ 295.00 and will be taken out of the FY 2013-14 Budget.

B. McCann Moved to Approve the purchase from Goeff Gwyther, the weed wrench in the amount of \$ 295.00 to be owned by the Conservation Commission, pending the First Selectman's approval.

Seconded by: C. Shulman

Vote: For: Unanimous

Natural Resources Inventory Report Update

B. McCann has been in contact with Fairfield Press, who was the original printer in 2005. They are still actively looking for the files. Suzan will look into converting the scanned documents to "OCR" to make what exists editable.

Kestrel Box Update

P. Bailey said there has been no feedback concerning the request to the BoS to place a kestrel box on Happy Acres Farm. Discussion followed regarding the timeframe if this is approved for next year. It would be ideal to have the post set before frost sets in and the box placed very early spring. P. Bailey will continue to ask the BoS.

Happy Acres Update

C. Shulman shared frustration in reference to the RFP and feels a date should be requested of the Board of Selectman as to when the proposal will go public. The Commission hopes to continue the tradition of holding community Farm Days on Happy Acres from time to time, as they have in the past.

Adjourn

C. Shulman Adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Christine Branson, Commission Clerk

July 22, 2014