

**TOWN OF OSSIPEE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
April 13, 2022**

Minutes have been recorded for the convenience of summarization by Laura Nash, Planning Board Secretary and are deleted once minutes are approved; any amendments to the minutes are noted in ***bold & italic*** type.

Call to Order: Marie McConarty called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call: Marie McConarty – Chair, Ralph Buchanan, Krystal Eldridge and Angela Eldridge

Guest: Elizabeth Gillette, Mark McConkey

Reappointment of Krystal Eldridge: Chairman McConarty stated that the Selectmen have re-appointed Krystal Eldridge to the Conservation Commission for a three-year term to expire March 2025.

Meeting Minutes: Review to approve meeting minutes of March 22, 2022

A **Motion** by Buchanan to approve the meeting minutes of March 22, 2022, as submitted. K. Eldridge seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion passed.**

Financial: N/A

Old Business:

- **Windows on the Ossipee Mountains:**
 - Plans to record – McConarty to check with secretary to verify if plans have been recorded.
 - Landscaping project – picnic table/bench repair discussion ensued over putting wood on the top of the picnic table and sturdy the frame and legs, per Steve McConarty. Buchanan will pick up the material and the committee will schedule a weekend to make the repairs.

New Business:

- **Tamworth property:** John Plummer concerned with Shooting Club's shed encroaching the property line. The CC had previously walked the site when the concern was initially raised. The CC discussed their findings and determined that since the logging had taken place it shows the shed more clearly but has obviously been there for many years. The CC does not believe it is encroaching over the property line and they have no concerns with the shed or the gun club at this time.
- **GMCG: Water Quality Report – 2021**

Matt Howe will contact us to re-schedule with Joy Emerson.

- **Effingham Gas Station – (DRI):**
 1. Letter to BOS sent 03/22/2022
 2. Letter from OLA on Tamworth's position.

Buchanan attended the Effingham meeting last week noting that no one wants to make a decision. So, now Effingham is looking to get a 3rd party evaluation of the application and all corresponding paperwork. The Ossipee Conservation Commission sent a letter to the Ossipee Board of Selectmen expressing their opinion of the Effingham proposed gas station. The Ossipee Board of Selectmen in turn sent a letter to Effingham in response. The CC received a letter from Ossipee Lake Alliance expressing Tamworth's position.

NHDES:

- **File #2022-00378:** James Connors, Jr. owner c/o Connors Christmas Tree Farm, LLC of 24 Sawyer Rd. Tax Map: 254 Lot: 018 received a letter of Alleged Violation having exceeded the allowable conditions for Routine Roadway Maintenance Registration Notification #2022-00378 without a permit.

The CC members reviewed and discussed the letter. Noting it sounds like there was more road maintenance than what was allowed. K. Eldridge noted this is on Sawyer Rd and may have had a permit under a different owner. Discussion ensued. But K. Eldridge commented that there is only a driveway at this location.

- **File #2022-00715:** Jan & Lauretta Kralewicz for 11 Abbott Lane. Tax Map: 123 Lot: 017 received a letter of Alleged Violation for removing vegetation more than the permissible limits outlined at RSA 483-B:9, v without a permit or proper authorization from NHDES.

The CC discussed there was probably no record of a permit. Buchanan noted that trees were cut and since it's near the water they probably had no permit or notified NHDES. Discussion ensued.

Mark McConkey inquired if the Committee is going to take any other action in response to the Tamworth letter. McConarty stated no. K. Eldridge inquired about the section of the letter referring to the cost of testing the wells in the event of a spill and who pays for the testing. McConkey had previously checked with the state lab and as long as state provided vials are used; the state will incur the cost. But state provided vials must be used, if any other vial is used that person will incur the testing cost.

NHDF&L:

- Notification of planned timber harvest from 220 acres of the Heath Pond Bog Natural Area in Effingham and Ossipee.

McConarty read the letter, noting bidding will take place in the summer of 2022. Buchanan gave the history on Long Sands and Heath Bog. Discussion ensued on the amount of timber on the parcel.

Intent to Cut:

- **Tax Map: 017 Lot: 004 & Tax Map: 019 Lot: 133:** (Original Cut) on Polly's Crossing Rd. Owner is Mike Shea of Eastern Materials; to cut 75 acres of 432 acres by Brian Reader anticipated start date is March 22, 2022. Approved by the Board of Selectmen. Taxes are paid. Yes – Cemetery.

The CC reviewed and discussed. Elizabeth Gillette commented on the number of logging trucks and gravel trucks coming in and out of the area because she can hear the loud noise of the trucks.

- **Tax Map: 228 Lot: 019:** (Original Cut) on Valley Rd. Owner is Marshall Corrado; to cut 3 acres of 5.27 acres by Marshall Corrado anticipated start date is April 1, 2022. Approved by the Board of Selectmen. Taxes are paid. No Cemetery.

McConarty commented the house lot has been cut.

- **Tax Map: 080 Lot: 005:** (Original Cut) on Route 16B. Owner is James Lowry; to cut 2.5+/- acres of 2.5+/- acres by Tom Fadden anticipated start date is April 15, 2022. Approved by the Board of Selectmen. Taxes are paid. No Cemetery.

Discussion ensued on the location of where this logging took place.

- **Tax Map: 267 Lot: 010:** (Original Cut) on 165 Browns Ridge Rd. Owner is James and Gaye Brennan; to cut 2 acres of 3.15 acres by Arthur B. Wood Jr. anticipated start date is March 29, 2022. Approved by the Board of Selectmen. Taxes are paid. No Cemetery.

McConarty noted this is a house lot that has been cut.

- **Tax Map: 251 Lot: 003:** (Original Cut) on 28 Route 28. Owner is William Linehan; to cut 2 acres of 5.2 acres by Cole Boggs anticipated start date is March 29, 2022. Approved by the Board of Selectmen. Taxes are paid. No Cemetery.

The CC discussed this was the Flag gate property, where the house was removed and then they clear cut every tree. Buchanan stated he spoke with the logger about the intent of Mr. Linehan as to why he is removing every tree. The gentleman stated Mr. Linehan bought the properties as an investment but has no plans for the properties. Buchanan belief is to only cut enough trees that are necessary for the development. There is no need to cut every tree. Discussion ensued on the multiple locations in Ossipee in which Mr. Linehan has clear cut every lot he has purchased.

Buchanan suggested that the Planning Board should put something in the regulations stating, “not to cut more than 50% of the basil area within 50 ft. of the property lines and would require approval from the Planning Board to cut more than 50% of the trees per lot.”

McConarty explained that the Zoning Ordinance Committee is going through the ordinances now and not sure if would fall under that committee.

Elizabeth Gillette inquired about a lot on Route 16 and if they have an Alteration of Terrain for all that lot.

McConarty inquired about Ryan Downing’s lots and where is he getting all the fill he’s dumping on this property.

A **Motion** by Buchanan to have the secretary write a letter to the Zoning Officer asking to investigate the Ryan Downing c/o Ryco Reality properties for Tax Map: 118 Lot: 010 about the green pipes protruding out of the soil and where is the fill coming from that he’s dumping there. K. Eldridge seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion passed.**

Discussion ensued about Cole Boggs and whether anyone from the Board has done any business with him.

Next Meeting Date: May 11, 2022

Any Other Business that May Come Before the Commission:

- Zoning Ordinance Committee: McConarty and K. Eldridge will alternate going to the meetings. McConarty explained what the ZOC is trying to accomplish. But she foresees other issues developing that could negatively impact the Town or it’s resident’s. Discussion ensued.

- Moose Mountain Regional Greenway: Elizabeth Gillette informed the CC that tentative dates of August 27, 2022, at the Monroe Preserve for the Fish & Game Brook Trout Survey and on September 3rd, 2022 at Garland Pond, Matt Tarr – Wildlife specific bird migration survey.

- Hutton Corporation: Send a letter to get the basin trash cleaned up.

A **Motion** by McConarty to send a letter to the Hutton Corporation regarding trash in the water runoff basin at the Family Dollar and Tractor Supply, Co. property location. K. Eldridge seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion passed.**

- Homeless: K. Eldridge discussed the homeless living in the culverts by Walgreens. Discussion ensued.

Adjournment:

A **Motion** made by Buchanan to adjourn the meeting. A. Eldridge seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion passed.** The meeting ended at 8:09 PM.

Minutes approved by majority vote of the Commission on June 8 2022
Date

Marie McConarty, Chairman

or

Ralph Buchanan
Ralph Buchanan, Vice Chairman
(In the absence of the Chairman)