

**TOWN OF OSSIPEE  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 10, 2023**

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:** Ralph Buchanan – Vice Chair and Krystal Eldridge

**Absent:** Marie McConarty- Chair

**Guest:** Gordon Pilotte

Buchanan inquired if there was decision made on appointing Gordon Pilotte and Roger ter Kuile to the Conservation Commission. The secretary informed them that according to Matt Sawyer, Town Administrator the Board of Selectmen have taken the recommendations under advisement and final decision has been made.

Buchanan asked if a new Selectmen has been appointed. The secretary stated she has no information on that topic and stays out of those discussions.

**Elect Chairman:** Move to the next meeting

**Elect Vice-Chairman:** Move to the next meeting

**Dan Hole Pond/Terrace in the Pines:** Buchanan inquired and Eldridge confirmed that she did go by beforehand and they cut from behind the McManus House towards the back and they have also cut at the campground.

**Meeting Minutes:** Review to approve meeting minutes of April 12, 2022

Since Eldridge was absent from the April meeting and McConarty absent from this meeting, the Commission is without a quorum to approve the minutes. Buchanan moved the April minutes and subsequent May minutes to the June 14, 2023 meeting for approval.

**Old Business:**

- **Beech River & Annie Nichols Rd Parking:** Project is on hold but will remain on the agenda until further notice.

Buchanan has not spoken with TJ Eldridge because McConarty forgot to send him the phone number prior to leaving out of state.

- **Windows on the Ossipee Mountains:**

1. Landscaping project – On Hold until the CC get a chance to speak with TJ Eldridge at a meeting.

K. Eldridge mention having TJ Eldridge, PWD, come to a meeting to discuss the work to be done. Buchanan agreed. The secretary reported that McConarty had spoken with TJ Eldridge, who has agreed to come to a meeting to discuss the work to be done. It's just a matter of scheduling a meeting where everyone is in attendance. Buchanan explained how he would like to do a section each year by using his excavator with grappling thumb to grab and pull out the saplings and brush. The expensive part is the fabric material and mulch used to lay down as the weed barrier.

2. Picnic table/bench repair – On Hold until the CC get a chance to schedule some time to go down and do the repairs.

**New Business:**

- **Revisions:** The secretary explained the changes are color coded **RED (STRIKE)**, anything in **PURPLE** is a **(Suggested Change)** and **GREEN (ADD)**.

The secretary noted the CC can take home to review and address at the next meeting when a quorum will be in attendance. Copies were giving to K. Eldridge since she was absent at the prior meeting.

- a. Mission Statement: Will discuss at the next meeting.
- b. By-Laws and Rules of Procedure: Will discuss at the next meeting.

**NHDES - Wetlands Permit:** Notices were reviewed.

- **Dredge & Fill Wetlands Permit** – application for Arthur Harrington of 4 Channel Rd. Tax Map: 021 Lot: 013 is proposing an installation of a perched beach to replace an existing beach. The installation of a perched beach will eliminate erosion issues.
  1. **File #: 2023-00988** - Arthur Harrington of 4 Channel Rd. Tax Map: 021 Lot: 013 received notice of an Administratively Incomplete Application which is missing the map of the property and to submit within 60 days.
  2. **File #: 2023-00988** - Arthur Harrington of 4 Channel Rd. Tax Map: 021 Lot: 013 received notice on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 that application is Administratively Complete.
- **File #: 2023-00923** – Michael Merrow of 160 Chickville Rd. received a Letter of Complaint for possible Violations for property owned at 132 Hanson Rd. Tax Map: 242 Lot: 010 for having placed solid waste in a wetland.

Eldridge noted the area is a disaster. The secretary provided the CC members with GIS aerial views of the property for review. Buchanan questioned if the Conservation Commission needs to write a letter to Selectmen to investigate this violation. Eldridge commented that the Selectmen and ZEO are already aware. The CC members are requesting a response from the ZEO on the status of this situation.

**Any Other Business that May Come Before the Commission:**

Eldridge inquired what Susan Price, Commissioner for NH Fish & Game reported on public access to Big Dan Hole Pond through Terrace in the Pines Campground. The secretary stated according to Ms. Price; if the new owner of Terrace in the Pines closes public access to the pond Fish & Game will no longer stock the pond because they do not stock private ponds. Eldridge stated she spoke with the new owner and he says they are closing public access to the pond. Eldridge commented for the last 20 years it has been locally owned and operated and now American Campgrounds owns the property.

Gordon Pilotte inquired if the new owners are aware that Fish & Game will no longer stock the pond if they close public access. Eldridge stated the new manager is aware. Buchanan inquired if there is a road around the campground that the public can use. Eldridge commented there is a private road that goes out to the dam with a deeded right of way for the town and state but there is no boat ramp. Camp Sentinel in Tuftonboro has a boat ramp for small-sized motors. Discussion ensued on the size of boat motors allowed.

Buchanan reported that Ernie the Eagle has been catching fish on Duncan Lake but no one else is.

Eldridge inquired if there has been anymore news from the woman, who wanted to walk the Tamworth property. The secretary reported she has not heard anything more from the woman.

**Notices:**

- **NH F&G:** WildLines – Spring 2023

Stories ensued about how turtles will live in the lakes all their lives but want a high dry sandy soil to lay their eggs.

**Next Meeting Date:** June 14, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Freight House

**Adjournment:**

A **Motion** made by Buchanan to adjourn the meeting. Eldridge seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion passed.** The meeting ended at 7:26 PM.

Minutes approved by majority vote of the Commission on \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

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**Marie McConarty, Chairman**

or

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**Ralph Buchanan, Vice Chairman**