

**OSSIPEE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**MAY 29, 2013**

Chairman Ron Adams opened the meeting at 7:00PM. Members Present: Ron Adams, Ralph Buchanan, Jean Hansen, Bob Pratt, Charlotte Fitzpatrick, notes taken by Lynn Clarke.

Ralph Buchanan shared there will be a clean-up of the Windows property on June 19th, 2013 with the Boy Scouts from 6-8, which we should add to our calendar.

David Adams of Soaring Heights came to ask the CC if the Whittier Lions Club could put up a hospitality tent at the Windows property for motorcyclists during bike week; then shared it would probably be a safety issue crossing Route 16 with no further discussion.

Mr. Adams shared that 2/3rds of his property is in wetlands and floods periodically. He was seeking advice from the CC as to whether or not he could remove dead trees from his property in the wetland areas to help control mosquitoes. Board member Bob Pratt shared that snags are helpful for various wildlife species. Board member Ralph Buchanan asked if there were beaver present. Mr. Adams shared that the property was formerly inhabited by beaver but is now a beaver meadow, as they are no longer present and that two –three months out of the year the water dries up completely. Ron Adams read about rivers in the fourth order 7. but you can't cut 50% of total # of trees & saplings in a 20 year period. David Adams told the CC that he did not have that high of a % that he wanted to clean some out and thanked the CC for their input.

Ron Adams, Chair reviewed the purpose of the meeting for discussion of the OCC Board Members, updating them on the timeline, parties and circumstances involved in relation to the CC Independent News article and Selectmen meeting minutes from May 13, 2013 pertaining to the Ossipee Selectmen holding a conservation easement on wetland property in Sandwich, NH for the CMI business located in Tamworth, NH.

Jean Hansen informed the CC that the Selectman's first meeting on this was not in the paper and that on 5/20/13, the Selectmen signed off on the Letter of Intent proposed by Jim Hoenscheid, President of Club Motorsports.

After hearing the facts related to the series of events, Lynn Clarke made a motion stating that the town of Ossipee should not at this time, hold an easement for CMI based on:

1. As the OCC understands from the Selectmen's Meeting minutes for May 13, 2013, CMI is seeking to have the town of Ossipee hold a conservation easement, that presumably the Conservation Commission would be bound to monitor under RSA 36-A:2.
2. The OCC believes this case is governed by RSA 41:14-A where Selectmen must get a recommendation from both Planning Board and the Conservation Commission, and after receiving recommendations from these boards must hold two public hearings on the proposed land acquisition inserted as an article in the warrant for the town meeting.
3. Based on RSA 36-A that precludes the Ossipee Conservation Commission from protecting land in Sandwich, NH. Charlotte Fitzpatrick seconded, Ralph Buchanan opposed, Bob Gillette abstained, the rest were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned.

Lynn Clarke, acting Secretary