

**TOWN OF OSSIPEE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

September 13, 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: Krystal Eldridge called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call: Krystal Eldridge - Chair, Ralph Buchanan – Vice Chair, Marie McConarty and Gordon Pilotte

Members: Welcome to new member Gordon Pilotte

Meeting Minutes: Review to approve Meeting Minutes of August 9, 2023

A **Motion** by Buchanan to approve the meeting minutes of August 9, 2023, as presented. McConarty seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote in favor was taken. **Motion passed.**

Financial:

- Budget Report – July 2023

McConarty questioned if the Dam Authority line item is over budget. The secretary suggested she speak with the Town Administrator, Matt Sawyer.

- NH Lakes – Thank for Annual Contribution of \$300.00

The Committee acknowledged the receipt of the thank you letter. Buchanan referenced an article in the Conway Daily Sun about Cyanobacteria that has been detected in Duncan Lake, White's Pond, Silver Lake, Province Lake, Effingham/Wakefield, Pine River Pond, Wakefield, but surprisingly Ossipee Lake was not on the list. But swimmers are advised to shower immediately after getting out of the water.

Pilotte commented that the drainage culvert that was placed by the state when the new turning lane was put in has created an issue for Cyanobacteria to bloom and flow from the culvert to Duncan Lake, according to NHDES. Discussion ensued about the surrounding wetlands out behind the Tractor Supply building.

Old Business:

- **Beech River & Annie Nichols Rd Parking:** Project is on hold but will remain on the agenda until further notice. Eldridge stated the project will be on hold for the remainder of the year due to the highway workers being extremely busy repairing washed out roads from the rain. McConarty inquired if the permitting process was included in the cost for White Mountain Survey & Engineering services. The secretary commented that not to the best of her knowledge.

- **Windows on the Ossipee Mountains:**

Buchanan preferred putting the work day out to October 20-21, 2023 to go work on another section of property. The Committee will finalize the work date at the next meeting on October 11, 2023. McConarty informed the Committee that she had spoken with one of the Coleman workers and asked while they were in the area if they were going to clean up the overgrown brush and weeds within the right of way and around the sign. The gentleman stated, when the state presented the plan to the abutters, that's when the abutters could request specific work to be done. Now they're work is beyond that point and its too late to go back. Buchanan stated he will be there with his excavator but needs people there with trimmers and loopers to pull the brush out. He will ***need*** Keith, a carpenter to come and help and Eldridge will bring the wood for the picnic table repair.

New Business: The CC members reviewed each application and had no concerns about this permit.

NH Division of Forests and Lands: New Hampshire, State of DNCR of 95 Route 25 East. Tax Map: 068 Lot: 001 is proposing a timber harvest from 44 acres of the Ossipee Lake Natural Area. Public bidding is not anticipated until early fall 2023. The plan was reviewed and no issues or concerns were addressed.

NHDES - Wetlands Permit by Notification: The CC members reviewed each application and had no concerns about this permit.

- **File #2021-00326:** **New Owner: Robert Roswell Woods** (Raed Hertel Family Trust of 617 Four Bays Dr., Nokomis, FL 34275) with property at 11 Connor Pond Rd., Ossipee NH. Tax Map: 061 Lot: 006 was issued a letter of deficiency for there is no record of permits being issued for the impacts observed.

1. **NHDES File #2021-00326: Updated Notice** - NHDES determined an outstanding request remains for the restoration monitoring report and is requesting a status update by September 13, 2023.

McConarty inquired if they're not supposed to be in there because they brought in a lot of fill and created a pad and there are two campers on this property.

NHDES - Dredge & Fill Wetlands Permit: The CC members reviewed each application and had no concerns about this permit.

- **File #: 2023-00988** –Arthur Harrington of 4 Channel Rd. Tax Map: 021 Lot: 013 for a proposed installation of a perched beach to replace an existing beach. **Update Notice:** Received NHDES approval with conditions and an expiration date of August 16, 2028.
- **New File #2023-00XXX** – Matthew Mize of 370 Pine Hill Rd. Tax Map: 058 Lot: 010 for a proposed installation of a permanent 20 ft. x 24 in. comp culvert to access the rear of the property for a small 16 ft. x 20 ft. vacation cabin.

NHDES – Forestry Statutory Permit by Notification (RSA 482-A): The CC members reviewed each application and had no concerns about this permit.

- **File #2023-02163:** Jeffrey Coombs of Chocorua Forestlands, LLC of Gilman Valley Rd. Tax Map: 207 Lot: 005, Tax Map: 207 Lot: 006, and Route 25 West – Tax Map: 207 Lot: 007 received NHDES approval with an expiration date of August 10, 2025.

NHDES - Incomplete - Wetlands Permit-by-Notification: The CC members reviewed each application and had no concerns about this permit.

- **File #2023-02138:** Patrick Marks of 88 Deer Cove Rd. Tax Map: 037 Lot: 016. Project property is on Tax Map: 037 Lot: 030 and NHDES determined the application was administratively incomplete because it was missing the Results of the Natural Heritage Bureau Data Check query per (Env-Wt. 309.07(b)(6))

Notices:

- **SPNHF:** Forest Notes, Summer 2023
- **NH Tree Farm Program:** 2023 NH Tree Farm Field Day to be held on Saturday, September 16th, 2023 at Langwood Tree Farm, 301 Land Road, Cornish NH

Next Meeting Date: **October 11, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Freight House**

Any Other Business that May Come Before the Commission:

Buchanan told the story of how S.O. Huckins and Walter White back in the 1930's bought approximately 1,000 acres which part of the land is now Constitution Park. There was a strip of sand out by the lake but you could not get to it because it was basically a little island. Walter White and several others went to Concord and made a deal with the officials that if they could add fill to create a road out to the island, he would give the state the remaining land which was approximately 600 acres. After they timbered the land and filled in for the road, they gave the remaining land to the state and that's how Long Sand Road by Constitution Park was created. Walter White subsequently built the first house to be on Long Sands Rd. and was a very influential person in Ossipee.

Adjournment:

A **Motion** by McConarty to adjourn the meeting. Pilotte seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion passed.** The meeting ended at 7:38 PM.

Minutes approved by majority vote of the Commission on _____

Date

_____ or _____

Krystal Eldridge, Chairman

Ralph Buchanan, Vice Chairman