**TOWN OF OSSIPEE**

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**April 8, 2015**

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

**Members Present:** Donna Gridley, Ron Larrivee, Ron Adams, Bob Pratt, Charlotte Fitzpatrick, Ralph Buchanan

1. **Guests -** None.
2. **Approval of Minutes**

**Motion:** by Ron, seconded by Bob, to approve February 22, 2015 minutes as presented. **All in favor, motion passed.**

**Motion:** by Donna, seconded by Ron, to approve March 18, 2015 minutes as presented. **All in favor, motion passed.**

1. **Terms and Officers**

Ron Larrivee nominated Ron Adams for Chair, seconded by Bob.

Ron Adams nominated Bob as Vice Chair, seconded by Donna.

There were no other nominations; all board members were in favor of the nominations with Ron Adams abstaining.

Terms: Charlotte’s term ends in 2016

Donna’s term is up, she will continue on the Board until 2017.

Ron Larrivee’s term is up; he will continue on the Board until 2018.

Tom’s term is up; he will not continue on the Board.

1. **Financial**

**Motion:** by Ralph, seconded by Donna, to pay the NH Association of Conservation Commissions membership fee of $303. **All in favor, motion passed.**

**Motion:** by Bob, seconded by Charlotte, to reimburse Ron for $75 for attendance of the Wildlife Corridor Workshop. **All in favor, motion passed.**

1. **Applications**
2. **Intent to Cut**

* Map 125/3 and map 251/1 – Matthew & Cheryl Sawyer – Walker Hill Road & Pollys Crossing – 30 of 8.3 & 29.65 acres – Tim Nolin, Chocorua
* Map 266/13 – Berkhander LLC – Route 16 – 2 of 3.5 acres – Rick Mader, Wolfeboro

1. **State DES Notices**

* Map 46/23 – Matthew & Kathryn Teal – 18 Cassie Cove Road – Standard Dredge/Fill application. This was Land Tech’s response to DES’ request for more information (for our files).

**Motion:** by Ralph, seconded by Donna, of no comment. **All in favor, motion passed.**

* Map 50/3 – Jim & Mary Lovell – 8 Long Sands Road – Wetland Minor Impact Application/Minor Impact Dredge & Fill Application. This was a response to DES’ request for more information (for our files).

**Motion:** by Ralph, seconded by Donna, of no comment. **All in favor, motion passed.**

1. **Committee Reports/work**

Identification of important properties – working with DHPWT

1. **Old Business**

* March 23rd was the program on invasive visitors at the library. A thank you card will be sent to Wendy Scribner for her efforts.
* A thank you was received from the SPNHF for the $100 contribution.
* Munroe Ciccotelli Property Update – Bob provided and update. The current owner of the three acre parcel was present when Ron, Bob and the appraiser were on site. The owner mentioned the access he has to the property and mentioned easements that he has. He knows that the Town is considering buying the property and he would like to get a 300’ additional around his property to protect him from the protected land. Bob contacted Wenda Helm and she is currently working on a title search. She found that what he said is more or less the case. He has an easement to the right-of-way to the river and access to the property. His deed says he has a right-of-way to a spring and to Welch Brook. Discussion ensued. As the Commission pursues with this, these easements and rights-of-way should be looked into and agreed upon. Bob stated there is confusion as to selling/donating the smaller parcel and offered to email Mary stating that there was some discussion and state that there might be interest if she wanted to donate the property (the smaller parcel). By the next meeting, the appraisal and title work should be in hand. Ron stated it would be helpful to clarify what the State recognizes as a right-of-way. This is complicated piece of property.
* Lake Host – Tom MacElroy was not able to make tonight’s meeting but he was quite concerned that we could not staff this.
* Milfoil - Ron Larrivee stated Senator Bradley is on board with stopping the spread of Milfoil. A suggestion is that when the state is issuing a permit to fisherman, they could keep the areas of known Milfoil closed; this would help prevent the spread of Milfoil to new areas. Ron Adams stated everyone needs to get on board because Milfoil has the potential to decrease property values which fund the state’s budgets. As soon as you drop lakefront assessment down, all the towns that depend on that are out big time. Senator Bradley is long term enough to realize it is in the best interest to keep Milfoil in check. The town will be treating for Milfoil in mid June or mid September.

1. **Informational**

* Saving Special Places will be held on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at Stark High School in Weare.
* The Green Mountain Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at 4:30 at Sunny Villa.
* The Lakes Congress will be held May 28-29, 2015 at Church Landing at Mills Falls.

1. **Other Business**

Discussion ensued on have the kiosk on Clean Water during Bike Week at the overlook.

1. **Next meeting date:** May 6, 2015

**Motion:** by Ron, seconded by Ron, to adjourn. **All in favor, motion passed.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Minutes approved by majority vote of the Board on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Ron Adams, Chairman