

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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July 13, 2016

Minutes were recorded and a Summary transcribed by Laura Nash, Commission Secretary.

Revisions to these minutes are noted by ***bold/italic*** type.

- **Call to Order:** Chairman - **Ron Adams** called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM
Attendee's: Ron Adams, Chairman, Donna Gridley, Vice-Chairperson, Ralph Buchanan, Ron Larrivee, Bruce Parsons and Tim Otterbach. **Absent:** none
- **Guest:** Dallas Emory from Economic Development Committee, Andy Northrop and Bryce Northrop of Boy Scouts of America, Troop 234
- **June 8, 2016 Minutes:** correction on
Motion: by Donna G., seconded by Ralph B., to approve meeting minutes of June 8, 2016.
All in favor, motion passed.
- **Financial:**
 - Budget Report for June 2016
 - Checking \$ 5,727.06 – Ron A., needs to talk to Harry Merrow – Treasurer about reimbursing the CC account for membership and educational fees that were taken out of the CC checking instead of the Town account.
 - Money Market - \$48,118.11 as May 13, 2016
 - Pat Jones Stationary: Received \$12.00 and request for more stationary
- **Intent to Cut:**
 - Map: 231 Lot: 17, owner Richard Janvrin., on Royal Circle to cut 2 acres of 3 acres by Arthur B. Wood
 - Map: 57 Lot: 2, owner David & Winifred Mitchell, Chapel Rd., to cut 10 acres of 38.950 acres by Perley Ryder
 - Map: 109/6 & 7& 226 Lot: 3, owner William Crowder Rev. Trust – Backland off Mt. Shaw Rd., to cut 3 acres of 8.8, 15, 143 acres by Tim Nolin – Forest Land Improvement
- **DES Notices:**
 - Shoreland Impact Permit: Minimum Impact Wetlands Permit application for Gary & Elizabeth Gianino; 90 Leavitt Rd., Tax Map: 31 Lot: 57 – The project is proposing 334 sq. ft. of total impact to install 49 linear ft. of biostabilization along the shoreline of Ossipee Lake & replenish existing beach with 10 cu. yd. of sand. The proposed biostabilization consists of a boulder toe backed with rip rap & native low bush blueberry plantings.
CC discussion on the effectiveness of the biostabilization technique raised concerns and questions.
Motion: by Ralph B., and seconded by Tim O., to submit a letter with the application addressing concerns of biostabilization technique being used. **All in Favor, motion passed.**
 - Dan Hole Pond Watershed Trust: Receipt of Wetlands Minimum Impact Forestry Notification for Tax Map: 222 Lot: 9

- **Old Business**

- Lake Host Program: Ron A., reports unable to make contact with Connery Dearborn after several attempts. Contact information given to Tim Otterbach for follow up. Ron L., reported per Fish & Game the ramp will be shut down for one moth beginning August 1st for repairs. Ron A., to contact Amy to discuss these concerns. Potential decision may be made not to pursue Lake Host Program for this year.

- **New Business:**

- Get Wild Program – **Ron A.**, spoke with Jess Cole at the Fish Hatchery and the suggested dates are August 13th or 27th for the fishing day. After discussion the CC decided on Saturday, August 13, 2016. **Ron A.**, will schedule with Jess Cole.

Motion: by Ron A., and seconded by Donna G., to spend up to \$1,500.00 for our get well program, fish, advertising and entertainment for the event. **All in favor, motion passed.**

- **Informational:**

- Karen Payne: Ltr received July 13, 2016 concerns about WWSCG and use of Environmental Canine Services (ECS) to sniff out the bad septic systems. Donna G., reported per the Selectmen's meeting if ECS wants to use sniffer dogs ECS would have to do all the Ossipee portion of Ossipee Lake as to not discriminate against WWSCG. Tim noted that GMCG sent out questionnaires asking residents to identify if there septic's are up to current state codes but does not ask them to identify where they live. Tim also noted written permission from every homeowner would be needed and is there a governing body, who oversees existing septic systems that are on or near the lake that are within the setback zone that could come in legally and inspect.

Discussion ensued over the use of the dogs and who has authority to review businesses/properties for compliance. It was assumed the Planning Board could ask the Zoning Enforcement Officer to look into these situations but according Bruce P., over the past 6 month to a year, the PB has no authority to ask the ZEO to review anything, and it has to come from the Selectmen. Dallas Emery noted according to Zoning Ordinance 24.3 – *The Board of Selectmen or its Zoning Enforcement Officer shall make inspections, as appropriate to ensure conformity with the provisions of this Ordinance.*

Point of Order: Ron A., noted they were getting off topic.

The question is the CC could ask the Selectmen to pursue a program like this to determine if there is a problem with failing septic systems leaching into Ossipee Lake in order to protect our natural resources.

Motion: by Ron L., and seconded by Tim O., to submit a letter ask the Selectmen to pursue a program like this to determine if there is a problem with failing septic systems leaching into Ossipee Lake in order to protect our natural resources and addressing the effectiveness of using Environmental Canine Services.

Discussion continued...

Ron L., withdrew his motion.

New Motion: by Donna G., and seconded by Ron L., to submit a letter to the Selectmen addressing concerns of some failing septic systems on Ossipee Lake and to pursue a program like ECS to determine if there is a problem with failing septic systems leaching into Ossipee Lake in order to protect our natural resources.

Discussion: Ron L., asked how tax revenue is generated to this town from the lake. Ron A., replied 52% of the tax revenue comes from the lake. **All other in favor. Opposed:** Ralph Buchanan.

- GMCG: The Watershed News
- American Forest Foundation: contribution to the "LEED" policy, after discussion decision made no additional contributions at this time.
- NHACC: "Picking Our Battles"; A Guide to Planning successful invasive plant management

- NHDOT: Open House meeting on July 19th from 5:00 – 8:00 pm at Ossipee Town Hall to address 3 bridges and roadway construction.
- John Danforth: Ltr received 07/12/2016 voicing concerns for Planning Board Case #16 - 3 –SUB
- Effingham Planning Board: cc'd on Ltr received June 27, 2016 voicing concerns over WWSCG.
- Town of Ossipee Safety Committee: July 7, 2016 minutes
- NH Town & City publication
- **Other business:**
 - **PB updates on WWSCG: Bruce P.,** reported
 1. WWSCG is continued until July 19th meeting
 2. PB approved to have a peer review of the plans and regulations.
 3. WWSCG also has to apply for a Lot Merger before a final decision can be made.
 4. Per agreement with NH Fish & Game: a proposed conservation easement of 34 acres along Bear Camp River. North bank of Bear Camp River up to the flood way and 11 acres of the island area which forms the outlet to the Bear Camp River. Totaling 45 acres in conservation easement to be held by New England Forestry.
 5. On the Peninsula: Moved all campsites back to 50 ft. from water's edge. Original plan was 20 ft. from water's edge with NHDES approval.
 6. Reduced Peninsula campsites from 18 to 15 campsites
 7. Laura N., reported Dollar General's application for subdivision is scheduled for July 19th, the final SPR approval is pending 6 conditions, 1 of which is the subdivision.

Discussion ensued over moving of campers during a flood, septic system and conservation easement.

Motion: by Donna G., and seconded by Tim O., Ron A., will write a letter to the PB from the CC asking for the whole area wetlands, south west of the proposed new camp sites be put into conservation easement, not just the section along the Bear Camp River.

All in favor, motion passed. Abstained: Bruce Parson

- **Windows on the Ossipee** - Ralph B., submitted an official proposal for work to be done at Windows on the Ossipee. Total cost = \$1600.00 - \$600.00 (CC discount) = \$1,000.00 + \$250.00 (2 loads of gravel) = total cost \$1250.00 Ralph provided \$240.00 no charge for 3 hours of work done on June 27, 2016. Ron A., will speak with Ellen White on BID Rules.

Motion: by Ron L., and seconded by Donna G., to spend up to \$1300.00 for this project. **All other's in favor. Abstained:** Ralph Buchanan

- **BSA Troop 234 – Eagle Scout Project:** Scout Master: Andy Northrop and Scout: Bryce Northrop proposed planning, mapping and blazing trails at the Windows on the Ossipee property. **Ron L.,** offered another property on **Beech** River. Plans were made for Sunday, July 17th to meet and review the properties to determine which one Bryce Northrop would undertake to obtain his Eagle Scout title. Pending authorized signatures from Town and landowners.

- **OLNA Working Group Update:** Tim O., did not have material with him. He will email it to secretary for distribution.

- **Economic Development Update** by Dallas Emory – no new developments

- **Brass Tags:** Ron A., to get details from Dan Hole Pond Trust and provide idea and cost at the August meeting.

- **NH Public Radio:** Loon Study – pertaining to Loon's dying due to bacteria in the water. Donna G., questioned if anyone knew if Ossipee Lake was on the list to be studied. Tim Otterbach will look into the situation.

- Calendar Events in July/August:
 1. July 16th – Car Wash
 2. August 6th - House Hazardous Waste Day
 3. August 13th – Get Wild Program
 4. August 27th – Loons and Tunes

Adjournment

Motion: by Bruce P., seconded by Donna G., to adjourn the meeting. **All in favor, motion passed.**

The meeting ended at 8:55 p.m.

Next meeting date: **Wednesday, August 10, 2016**

Minutes approved by majority vote of the Commission on _____
Date

Ron Adams, Chairman