

# CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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November 9, 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 7:00 PM  
**Attendee's:** Ron Adams - Chairman, Donna Gridley - Vice-Chairperson, Ron Larrivee, Bruce Parson and Tim Otterbach. **Absent:** Ralph Buchanan
- **Guest:** None
- **Minutes:** Review to approve previous Meeting Minutes of October 19, 2016  
**Motion:** by Ron L., seconded by Donna G., to accept meeting minutes of October 19, 2016 as written.  
**Abstain:** Bruce Parson and Tim Otterbach. **All others in favor, motion passed.**
- **Financial: (Ron A., presented to the CC)**
  - Checking \$ not available
  - Money Market - \$ not available
  - **Budget Report** – 11/01/2016 – 11/04/2016. To date CC has over extended on wages and with two months left for the year, the phone balance is only \$90.14. Line items remaining with a balance are supplies & equipment of \$198.60, reference material of \$100.00 and computer/software of \$100.00.
  - **Town of Ossipee** – Reimburse OCC 2016 dues & workshop line item of \$998.00
  - Ron A., has ordered metal easement markers. When bill comes in it will go against supplies and equipment.
  - 2017 Budget hearing were approved by the Selectmen and Budget Committee.
- **Intent to Cut: (Ron A., presented to the CC)**
  - **Map: 88/001 & 217 Lot: 22/21**, Back Ossipee Mountain Rd. owner Harry C. Merrow Family Trust, to cut 110 acres of 306 acres by Greenleaf Products, Inc.
  - **Map: 217 Lot: 23**, Back Ossipee Mountain Rd. owner Harry C. Merrow Family Trust, to cut 24 acres of 78 acres by Greenleaf Products, Inc.
  - **Map: 217 Lot: 19**, Back Ossipee Mountain Rd. owner Harry C. Merrow Family Trust, to cut 3 acres of 6 acres by Greenleaf Products, Inc.
  - **Map & Lots: 23/06 & 07, 24/15, 24/18, 28/05 & 06, 29/01& 02**, Nichols Rd & Pond Rd. owner Zachary Bossenbroek of Northgate Ossipee, LLC. To cut +/- 35 acres of +/- 239 acres by Garland Lumber Co.; Inc. It was noted these properties were lot merged under 29/01. Ron A., suggested putting a notice in each tax map file directing to tax map: 29 lot: 01.
- **DES Notices: (Ron A., presented to the CC)**
  - **Shoreland Impact Permit:** [None received](#)
  - **Wetlands & Non-site specific Permit:** [None received](#)

- **New Business:**

- AG Dept. of Justice: **Notice of Decision for RE: Patten Environmental Trust, Inc.** Docket #312-2015-EQ-00198 & Petition to Quiet Title , Docket #312-2015-EQ-00198, received letter from the courts for the former Patten Environmental Trust properties. Since the Patten Corporation went out of business, the State petitioned for the two easement properties to be transferred over to the Town of Ossipee through the Ossipee Conservation Commission. First easement properties are newly subdivided lot 1 through 8 on Nichols Rd. (formerly Scott lot). Second easement properties are newly subdivided lots 1 through 6 on Sawyer Rd. (formerly LaFlam lot).

Discussion ensued about 3 types of easements the CC holds:

1. Personal property with an easement the OCC holds
  2. CC holds easement but the Town owns the property by State Law
  3. Another Conservation Groups owns property but OCC holds the easement
- **Carroll County Farm:** held an open to the public outdoor visit/tour of the facility and its operations. Donna G., went on November 5<sup>th</sup> and provided an in-depth assessment of the farm, its operations and services provided to inmates. The Carroll County Farm belongs to the people of the County and is cared for by County employees and primarily paid for with tax dollars. Donna G., stated it was very interesting and wishes them luck with being able to expand and grow but they need more help.

- **Old Business:**

- **PB Updates:** Bruce Parson provided updates on ADU's, Master Plan, and 2017 Budget approval.
- **Eco Development:** Donna G., provided updates on; Meetings now moved to Monday's with the next meeting on November 21<sup>st</sup>. The Mission Statement, By-Laws, Outdoor Activities list and History are all in the works.
- **Ossipee Lake Natural Area (OLNA):** Tim Otterbach provided updates on the OLNA Working Group, which included:
  1. *A new brochure has been printed and distributed. These will also be available for placement on the new Kiosk at the renovated Pine River Boat Ramp.*
  2. *Two surveillance cameras were put up, one at Short Sands, One at Long Sands by Lake Patrol – Steve Kessler.*
  3. *Lake Patrol issued six warnings citations for people pulling their boats up onto the beaches and other infractions.*
  4. *GMCG presented xxxxx e-coli sample results taken in the vicinity of Long Sands, Short Sands, and the mouth of the Pine River after the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend and two other times during the summer. It was noted that over the past 2 years, there has been at least one, if not more than one, occasions of elevated levels e-coli contamination found in the water samples on Pine River, possibly from leaking septic system up river.*
  5. *CC questioned if water quality results go to Town Selectmen? Tim said he was not aware the tests results were sent to the town.*
  6. *Tim mentioned there was a brief discussion about the cost and maintaining floating toilet facility on the lake, with no decisions made.*
  7. *Several species of rare plants found growing on the site were discussed and it was noted some species were even spreading at these sites.*

(Ron A., suggested using snow fences along these areas to protect the sands and vegetation.)

8. Tim conveyed from the work group that most of the **residents**, boating community and regular vacationer's **respected the user restrictions and regulations at the Long Sands area**, but **the some of the** offenders were first time visitors with boats, who thought they were entitled to park their boats on the **beaches** and walk around to **Short Sands or on the off limits areas at Long Sands**, even though there are signs posted to keep off the beaches in these areas.

9. Tim will provide the power-point presentation and minutes of the OLN **Working Group** when he receives them Sabrina Stanwood – Administrator for D.R.E.D.

- **Informational: (Ron A., presented to the CC)**

- **GMCG - Watershed Newsletter**
- **Forest Notes**

- **Other Business:**

- **Windows on the Ossipee:** The only poop found was behind the sign. Clean - up day yielded 1.5 bags of trash over a 6 month period of time. Most bottle & cans were found near the road. There were a lot of cigarette butts found. As well as, remnants of an oyster & corn fest. The garden was cleaned up, cutting between the kiosk and Route 16 was done. No decision from the Selectmen on the bid for thoroughly excavating the brush from the embankment down to the walking road has been received.

- **Ciccotelli property: Dan Hole Pond Watershed Trust:** Ron L., inquired if anyone had received an update. Ron A., indicated both parties have signed a Sales Purchase Agreement has been reached for \$135,000.00. Ron A., described the south-western end of the property, where the tornado came through and has dense blackberry/thorn berry brush. North end has logging roads, streams and a lot of wildlife signs.

- **Motion:** by Ron L., and seconded by Tim O., recommend the OCC become a member of the Dan Hole Pond Watershed Trust with a membership dues of \$500.00 to come out of the Conservation Committee checking account which Treasurer, Harry Merrow oversees. **All those in favor** are Donna Gridley, Ron Larrivee, Bruce Parson and Tim Otterbach. **Abstained:** Ron Adams **Absent:** Ralph Buchanan. **Motion passed 4 – 0.**

**Adjourn:**

**Motion:** by Donna G., seconded by Bruce P., to adjourn the meeting. **All in favor, motion passed.**  
The meeting ended at 8:17 p.m.

**Due to schedule conflicts the next meeting is on:**

**Next meeting date: Wednesday, December 14, 2016**

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

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Ron Adams, Chairman