

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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March 9, 2017

Minutes were recorded and a Summary transcribed by Laura Nash, Commission Secretary.
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Call to Order: Chairman - **Ron Adams** called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Roll Call: Ron Adams - Chairman, Donna Gridley - Vice-Chairperson, Ron Larrivee, Ralph Buchanan, Bruce Parson and Tim Otterbach.

Minutes: Review to approve previous Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2017.

Motion by Parsons, seconded by Larrivee, to accept meeting minutes of February 8, 2017 as written.

All voted in favor, motion passed.

Guest: None

Financial: (Adams presented to the CC)

- Checking \$ n/a
- Money Market - \$ n/a
- Budget Report – n/a
- Note Card Money - \$6.00 forward to Harry Merrow for deposit into CC checking account, since the note cards are paid for out of the CC checking account.

Intent to Cut: (Adams presented to the CC)

- Tax Map: 73 Lot: 29, 27 & 25, on Route 16 & 16B. Owner Jonathan Rivers, to cut 4 acres of (unknown lot size) acres by Richard Buswell. Taxes are paid and no cemetery on the property.

Intent to Excavate:

- Town of Ossipee, Polly Crossing Rd. Tax Map: 244 Lot: 002. By John Jeddrey. Total lot size is 106.1 acres. Total Permitted Area is 18.70 acres. Excavation Area as of April 1 is 7.0 acres. Reclaimed Area as of April 1 is 10 acres. Remaining Cubic Yards of Earth to Excavate is 200,000.

DES Notices: None

New Business:

- NH Forests: Thank you letter received for membership renewal
- Email received from Susan Wiley of the Carroll County Farm about possibly having a conservation easement on sections of the property. Adams stated he believes some State Representatives want to sell off parts of the land for housing developments. CC is willing to partner with other Conservation groups to create easements on the property. The conservation maps shows the land as open property but it's not protected land. So, if the State sells the land, the CC could not stop the sale of the property and would lose the conservation easement of the property. CC is possibly interested in

an easement from the road, up the dirt road to the hill where the gun range is located to the upper portion for about 200 – 300 acres. Otterbach is speak with Green Mountain Conservation Group and Adams will speak with Susan Wiley and Dan Hole Pond Watershed Trust for their interest.

- Buchanan informed the members per Tim Nolan Ms. Prause is interested in putting a conservation easement from Garland Pond up the back side of Walker Hill Mountain all the way to the County property. Adams stated per Tim Nolan the owner was specifically requesting Dan Hole Pond Watershed Trust for the easement. Adams also commented that the Saunders/Ahearn's were possibly interested in a land lock of creating a whole section of protected area.

Old Business:

- Sawyer & Nichols Rd: Need to get in and mark the boundaries but still too much snow.
- (3) Bridge Rehab: Commissions met this week in Concord, approved plans, replied to letters received, and responded to questioned raised by citizens at the public meetings.
 1. Rte.'s 16/25/28- Commission is fast tracking this bridge and is in final planning. Summer/Fall: Getting temporary construction easements from land owners. 2018: Bids will go out
 2. Rte. 28: Up 1.1 miles to Sunny Villa, section will have final meeting on March 19th for the Commission to vote on.
Summer/Fall: Getting temporary construction easements from land owners. But if it goes to condemnation, it will take longer to move through the Court system.
 3. Rte.'s 16 & 41: Meeting to be held in April.
 4. Rte.'s 28 & 171: Back to the drawing board to re-evaluate.
- PB Updates:
Irving Energy Case 17-2-SPR Continued until 4/4/2017
Robert Pope Revocable Trust Boundary Line Adjustment Tax Map: 55 Lots: 1 & 5 approved.
Valley Point, LLC. Resubmitted application – hearing scheduled for 3/21/2017
- Economic Development update:
Gridley informed the group the Main Street Committee has book in April but may combine with Job Fair.
- Build –Out Study:
Adams announced a meeting is being scheduled with Forest Bell on the Build out study to obtain preliminary ideas to be included. But may take place after the Town meeting to incorporate any Zoning Ordinance changes, which could impact the study. Otterbach asked who would be attending to represent the Planning Board. Adams said he was no going to disclose who would be attending but probably the same group as before. Parsons said Bob Gillette would attend and it's no secret.
- Fish & Game School Programs: Adams gave an update; there are (2) teachers interested and their information has been given to Fish & Game. Currently trying to coordinate with all parties involved.

Informational:

- NH Extension: **Saving Special Places 2017 Conference** – Saturday, April 8th from 8am – 4pm at Prospect Mountain High School, Alton, NH.
- Beech River Parking Area project: White Mtn Survey & Engineering pending price on engineering study and NHDES permits for any filling in for the parking lot.
- Vegetation Control Services, Inc.: Discussion on how to get rid of the bamboo and prickly bushes at Windows on the Ossipee.
- GMCG: The Watershed News
- NH DRED: Notice of Timber Harvest from 105 acres of the Pine River State Forest - CC reviewed maps and discussed what is being cut.
- Larrivee update the members of a gentleman interested in the 1900's 4-sided planner at the Beech River property. The CC would expect a donation from the buyer and as part of the contribution the area will need some fill in order to get it out of the woods.

Other Business:

Otterbach spoke of a presentation he attended at Tin Mountain today on the Katadin Woods & Waters National Monument. Parcel just donated by the owners of Burt's Bees. The discussion was about the history, survey of the area. The Restore the North Woods Group conveyed Maine, Governor LePage along with someone in Congress wanting to rescind the Executive Order imposed by former President Obama declaring this area a National Monument. Discussion over if the Executive Order is rescinded does the land revert to the owner of the Trust.

Adams conveyed the NH State Association Conservation Commission are lobbying to oppose Senate Bill 136, which the State wants to impose a limitation on Conservation projects. Part of the bill will prohibit the Federal government from acquiring through donations or purchase more than 2% of the state land including the White Mountains National Forest and including Conservation Easements where the Federal Government is the primary easement holder. Making difficult for municipalities in appraising property and limiting the CC and municipalities to protect natural resources.

Term Expirations:

Ron Adams, Ralph Buchanan and Donna Gridley's terms expire at the end of March 2017. Requesting a letter be submitted from the Conservation Commission to the Board of Selectmen asking to be re-appointed to the Conservation Commission for another (3) years.

Adjourn:

Motion made by Larrivee, seconded by Gridley, to adjourn the meeting. **All voted in favor, motion passed.**

The meeting ended at 8:03 PM.

Next meeting date: Wednesday, April 12, 2017

Minutes approved by majority vote of the Commission on _____
Date

Ron Adams, Chairman