

# CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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May 10, 2017

Minutes were recorded and a Summary transcribed by Laura Nash, Commission Secretary.  
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**Call to Order:** Joe Deighan called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

**Roll Call:** Joe Deighan, Marie McConarty, Julianne Rosiak, Ralph Buchanan, Tim Otterbach and Lorey Pendarvis.

**Other Attendees:** Justin Cloutier, Richard Prunier, Donna Gridley, and Sandra “Sam” Martin

### **Members update:**

- Bruce Parsons – Letter of Resignation received
- Lorey Pendarvis - Letter of Authorization from BOS
- Ron Larrivee – Letter of Resignation received

**Deighan** informed the committee per previous conversation with Larrivee, the meeting of April 12<sup>th</sup> is valid. Deighan called the NHMA, who confirmed as long as both Planning Board members were not both in attendance, the meeting is valid. Deighan suggested re-doing the election of officers.

### **Elect a New Chairman:**

**Motion** by Buchanan to nominate Deighan as Chairman for the Conservation Commission. Otterbach seconded. Deighan accepted the position. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

### **Elect a New Vice Chairman:**

**Motion** by Buchanan to nominate McConarty as Vice Chairman for the Conservation Commission. Otterbach seconded. McConarty accepted the position. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

**Minutes:** Review to approve Meeting Minutes of **March 9, 2017**.

**Motion** by Buchanan, seconded by Otterbach, to approve the minutes. No discussion.

**All voted in favor, motion passed.**

**Minutes:** Review to approve Meeting Minutes **April 12, 2017**.

**Motion** by McConarty to accept the minutes of April 12<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by Rosiak. No discussion.

**All voted in favor, motion passed.** Deighan abstained, as he was not present.

**Minutes:** Review to approve **April 26, 2017 Workshop Minutes:**

**Motion** by Buchanan to accept the minutes of April 26, 2017 Workshop Minutes. Seconded by McConarty. No discussion. **All voted in favor, motion passed.** Otterbach abstained, as he was not present.

**Guest:** Justin Cloutier and Richard Prunier of Sumner Brook Herbal & Fish Hatchery here to update the Commission:

1. **Get Wild:** Event is scheduled for July 8, 2017 from 10AM – 2PM. Cloutier explained the event to the new members as a way of promoting the fish hatchery and education program for the Town’s people. Board members organize and work the event which allows children 12 and under to catch two fish free. There’s food, entertainment and information tables’ setup for conservation, wildlife, etc...

**Cost:**

- a. CC pays \$5.00 per fish caught by kids 12 and under.
- b. Additional fish and adults pay full price for fish.
- c. Fish are 8 x 10 to 10 x 12 inch fish.
- d. Poles = \$1.00
- e. Worms = \$3.00

**Ideas:**

- a. Wildlife Encounters – **Rosiak** to contact
- b. Farmer Market - ? possible option
- c. Pet Rescue Center - ? possible option

**Informational Tables:**

- a. Fish & Game on participating in the event demonstrating wildlife, pelts, etc... - **Rosiak** to contact
- b. GMCG water sample testing display table – **Otterbach** to contact

**Advertisement:**

- a. Old Home Week Bulletin – to contact Loretta or Sandy Freeman – **Deighan** to contact
- b. Facebook – to setup an Event - **Jessica Cole**
- c. Town Website – **Sam Martin**

**Food Suggestions:**

- a. Boy & Girl's Scouts – help with potential food – per Andy Northrop is non-committal until he checks the schedule and participants available.
- b. Wayne O'Brien - grilling
- c. Grill Cheese Lady truck

**Supplies:**

- a. Tents – supplied by Ralph Buchanan
- b. Registration tables
- c. Signs and Banner

2. Deighan wants to maintain a working relationship with Sumner Brook. Discussions to continue after Sumner Brook Fish Hatchery meets with the Board of Selectmen on May 22<sup>nd</sup> to go over the lease agreement and repairs needed.

**Financial:**

- Checking \$3,640.06
- Money Market - \$55,682.83
- Budget Report – n/a
- Note Card Money - \$42.00, Nash and Buchanan provided history of note cards. Money to be deposited into Conservation checking.
- NH Nongame & Endangered Wildlife: Deighan to contact for information on what benefit opportunities the CC gets for its membership. **Motion** by Deighan to delay Membership renewal. Seconded by Pendarvis. No further discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

### **Intent to Excavate:** (Members reviewed)

- Tax Map: 124 Lot: 25. Route 28. Total acreage of Lot: 12+. Total Permitted area is 12+ acres. Excavation Area (acres) as of April 1 is 5+. Reclaimed Area (acres) as of April 1 is 0. Remaining Cubic Yards of Earth to Excavate is 331,891 cu. yds. Excavation of estimated 20,000 cu. yds, of Sand. To be done by Fred Heckel. Taxes paid.
- Tax Map: 250 Lot: 8. Route 16. Total acreage of Lot: 71. Total Permitted area is 117 acres. Excavation Area (acres) as of April 1 is 3.4. Reclaimed Area (acres) as of April 1 is 1. Remaining Cubic Yards of Earth to Excavate is (Unknown) cu. yds. Excavation of estimated 96,500 cu. yds, of Gravel, Sand, Loam, and Fill. Taxes paid. Martin noted Permits to be updated with correct lot size.

### **DES Notices:**

- Dredge & Fill Application: 1832H-3 (Beech River) Buchanan read the application to repair a retaining wall at Shutter Mill. A brief discussion and purpose of the Conservation Committee's signature ensued.

**Motion** by Buchanan to approve the application. Seconded by Pendarvis. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken Deighan signed application.

- Wetlands Permit Application – (5 Furber Rd. Lake Ossipee) Deighan read the application. A brief discussion ensued.

**Motion** by Buchanan to approve the application. Seconded by McConarty. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. Deighan signed application.

### **New Business:**

- Mission Statement – revision (current version is 2006)
- Identifying all conservation land, easements, etc... discussion to continue with identifying all properties. **Buchanan** would like to have signs posted informing these Conservation trails are open to the public.
- Town Forest & Forest Cutting – discussion continued until June meeting with Bob Boyd.
- Fish Hatchery – Repairs: Deighan wants to maintain a working relationship with Sumner Brook. Discussion to continue after Sumner Brook Fish Hatchery meets with the Selectmen on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Tamworth Prop. – Tree cutting /maintenance to be discussed with Bob Boyd, last cut in the 1980's.
- Buchanan will supply a list of location for signs similar to State signs and a cost to post on conservation land for walking trails. Suggestions provided on who could make the signs i.e. Shutter mill, School shop class, etc...

### **Old Business:**

- Get Wild Event: Scheduled for July 8, 2017 discussed earlier.
- Fish & Game School Programs: There are 5 programs for grade 3 and up. Rosiak to look into.
- Eagle Scout Project & 1900's 4-sided planner at the Beech River property: Bryce Northrop provided an update on plans for trail building. Need to contact abutting property owner and need to determine boundary lines. Buchanan to help show boundary lines.
- Sawyer & Nichols Rd: Need to get in and mark the boundaries with voos signs.
- White Mtn Survey: proposal & design for parking area for property on Annie Nichols Rd. Tax Map: 96 Lot: 24 – to discuss at next meeting and to check with Brad Harriman.

- Scenic Overlook: CC members maintains the property. Town Highway dept. to clear brush. CC to schedule a spring and fall clean-up day. **Martin warned to not pick up any needles if found, to call Ossipee Police Department.**
- Lake Host Program: Season Boat Ramp attendant: Otterbach provided an update on the ramp construction. Buchanan asked Donna Gridley if she would be willing to explain to the new CC members how this program is intended to work. Gridley explained the CC to have someone posted at the boat ramp on Friday 5 – 8 pm, Saturday and Sunday 10 – 4 or 5pm inspecting boats for cleaning off milfoil and other invasive species. Rate of pay is about \$6.00 or about \$1,000.00 for the summer and is State Grant funded. Last year was unable to find anyone willing to work the ramp and ultimately someone from the CC would need to work the ramp. Deighan would like to see the grant paperwork from either Ron Adams or GMCG. Will need to post job on website, schools, and newspapers.

**Informational:** (Member made aware of availability to newsletters)

- NH Lakes Association – Lakeside Spring 2017 qtrly publication
- Carroll County Conservation District – Workshop scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- NH Town & City – May-June 2017 edition
- Granite State Tree Farmer – Spring edition
- NH Lakes – 2017 Lakes Congress Agenda June 1 & 2
- VLAP (Volunteer Lake Assessment Program) Report – Otterbach provided updates
- Wildlife Action Plan Round table – May 31<sup>st</sup> 6-8 PM at Tamworth Library.

**Other Business:**

- Otterbach recommends the CC invite Corey Lane of GMCG return and do her presentation of water sampling. CC agreed. Otterbach to extend the invitation.
- Conservation Committee booth at Old Home Week celebration.

**Adjourn:**

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

The meeting ended at 9:04 PM.

**Next meeting date: Wednesday, June 14, 2017**

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

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**Joe Deighan, Chairperson**