

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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June 14, 2017

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: Marie McConarty called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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

Other Attendees: Justin Cloutier, Jessica Cole, Connie Billings and Sandra “Sam” Martin

Members update:

- James Dolan has been appointed by the Board of Selectmen and sworn in by Town Clerk to serve as a full member until 3/31/2018.
- Joe Deighan will not be at tonight’s meeting.
- Julianne Rosiak received letter of resignation effective June 15, 2017.

Minutes: Review to approve May 10, 2017 Minutes:

Motion by Buchanan to accept the minutes of May 10, 2017 Meeting Minutes. Otterbach seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

Guests:

- Bob Boyd – Forestry Management, Forest Cutting, Town Forest and Tamworth Prop. Boyd gave detailed steps to follow when determining a Forrester to use for forest management and cutting. Boyd noted his realm of responsibility is to monitor, address complaints and turnover criminal offenses to Steve Kessler for investigating. RSA’s to use for forestry management are RSA 227 (J) and RSA 79.
- Bob Pratt – Dan Hole Pond Watershed Trust: Pratt noted DHPWST was established in 2000 and is a 501C - 3 Certified Charitable Contributor, and is a member of the Land Trust Alliance. Explained the relationship with the Ossipee Conservation Commission. Pratt explained the relationship between DHPWST & OCC on the easement properties of the Windows on the Ossipee, Duncan Lake and the recently acquired Munroe/Ciccotelli properties. Pratt noted they are in the process of applying for the L-Chip and through a wildlife study by Van de Pol, the property has a very large Pratt asked if the OCC would be willing to support DHPWST. Pratt also invited the CC members and families to the Annual BBQ, Dan Hole Pond Watershed Trust Hosts.
- Karen Deighan – GMCG participates in research, education, advocacy and land trust. Karen goes into schools within the Ossipee watershed area teaching children about water conservation and preservation. If the Commission would like a more in-depth presentation, they can schedule time with Corey Lane. Karen & GMCG will be set up at the GET WILD event.

Get Wild Event: Justin Cloutier & Jess Cole gave an update to cost of the fish and the size of the fish. The event is scheduled for July 8, 2017 from 10AM – 2PM. The Committee member will meet at 8:30 am at Ralph’s mother’s house to get the tents, and then to church to get tables and chairs. Buchanan and Otterbach will set up tents, signs and banner. All CC members to arrive at Sumner Brook by 9:00 AM to set up.

Cost:

- a. CC pays \$10.00 for one fish caught by kids 12 and under.
- b. Additional fish and adults pay full price for fish.
- c. Fish are 14 to 16 inch rainbow trout.
- d. Poles = \$1.00
- e. Worms = \$3.00

Ideas:

- a. Wildlife Encounters – Jessica Cole arranged for them to participate between 11-12 PM. **McConarty** to contact and confirm 11 to 12 pm show time.
- b. Farmer Market - ? possible option
- c. Pet Rescue Center - ? possible option
- d. Music - ?
- e. Prizes: T-shirts

Informational Tables:

- a. Fish & Game - **Rosiak** to contacted they do not participate in weekend events due to lack of staff.
- a. Ossipee Conservation Commission – sets up table with pamphlets.
- b. GMCG water sample testing display table – **Otterbach** contacted and GMCG will be participating.

Advertisement:

- a. Old Home Week Bulletin – to contact Loretta or Sandy Freeman – **McConarty** to contact
- b. Facebook – **Jessica Cole** has set up event on Facebook
- c. Town Website – **Sam Martin** has posted event on town website
- d. CCI & CDS – Nash submit to add to event calendar
- e. CC Flyer – Nash will create and will make 50 – 75 copies for posting by Wednesday, June 28th

Food Suggestions:

- a. Wayne O'Brien – grilling – Rosiak has tried to contact several times but has not heard back from Mr. O'Brien. Will try one more time before she moves out of town.
- b. Hotdog Guy at Ace Hardware?
- c. Food Truck at the Kayak Guy? – **McConarty** to make contact
- d. Need more options

Supplies:

- a. (3)Tents/(4) tables/ (20) chairs – supplied by Ralph Buchanan, Otterbach and Dolan to help set up
- b. Registration tables – Jessica Cole to set up
- c. Signs and Banner - supplied by Ralph Buchanan, Otterbach and Dolan to help set up
- d. Feed the fish cups – Justin & Jessica to make arrangements
- e. Trash bins - Justin & Jessica to make arrangements
- f. Port a Potties - Justin & Jessica to make arrangements

Informal Discussion: Did not present.

- Peter Kaiko, Solli Engineering to discuss a project located at 901 Route 16, Tax Map: 123 Lot: 61 Sub: 001 of wanting to build a 7,200 sq. ft. Auto Parts retail store.

Financial:

- Checking \$ n/a
- Money Market - \$56,313.32
- Budget Report – 5/01/2017 – 5/31/2017 was reviewed.
- NH Nongame & Endangered Wildlife: **Motion** by Buchanan to table the Membership renewal until the July 12th meeting. Seconded by Dolan. No further discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.
- Town of Tamworth property taxes \$37.00 **Motion** by Buchanan to pay \$37.00 to Tamworth for property taxes. Seconded by Rosiak. No further discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. Payment is to be made from Conservation Checking account.
- Wild Encounter invoice in the amount of \$295.00. **Motion** by Rosiak to pay Wild Encounters \$295.00 for the GET WILD Event. Otterbach seconded. No Discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. Payment is to be made from Conservation Checking account.

New Business:

- Get Wild Event: Scheduled for July 8, 2017 - Justin Cloutier & Jessica Cole (Sumner Brook Fish Farm) discussed earlier.
- Lake Host Program: Season Boat Ramp attendant – Otterbach reported per Jim McElroy at NH Lakes Association, there is still time to get the \$500.00 grant application submitted and processed. Otterbach spoke with Andrea LaMoreaux, VP of N H Lakes Association, and the Lake Host position is for Friday, Saturday and Sunday's, July through Labor Day. There is also training dates for the Lake Host and the Lake Host Coordinator to attend. There is also \$1,000.00 in reserve from last year to help towards paying the Lake Host. Otterbach will follow up with Jim McElroy on getting the grant paperwork filled out and submitted.
- Fish Hatchery – Repairs – arrangements pending with the Board of Selectmen. Martin noted some money from the money market account will be used to make some of the repairs on the Sumner Brook house.
- Ossipee Trail Maps: discussion of this being a long term project
- VLAP: Otterbach presented the 2016 test report of the lakes, bays, brooks and rivers. Report will be filed at the CC office.
- Ossipee Lake Association: Otterbach attended the workshop on exotic weed species such as milfoil, Asian clam. Town of Ossipee as spent nearly \$79,000.00 since 2002 trying to eradicate milfoil. Ossipee has two sites where milfoil is still located. Discussion was about the 4 point program of prevention, early detection, rapid response and management. It was reported once you have milfoil there is no way to get rid of it but rather how to control it.
- NH Wildlife Action Plan: Otterbach attended the roundtable and received a packet of information including a CD of WAP Maps for each community. Otterbach will have copies of the maps laminated with grommets to hang and will donate to the Conservation Commission for display. Otterbach highly recommend reading the literature which addresses the wildlife habitats in the area.
- Ossipee Lake Natural Area (OLNA) Stakeholders Semi-Annual Meeting: Otterbach attended the open discussion of wildlife species and the status of them, results of lake water testing at 3 sites. Tow in front of the Long Sands Beach and one at the Mouth of the Pine River to determine the

increase of the E.coli levels. There is an increase at the Mouth of the Pine River which either caused by Canadian Geese or a leaking septic up river. Additional test sites will be done this year.

Old Business:

- Fish & Game School Programs: Schools over for the summer. Will review again in the fall.
- Eagle Scout Project & 1900's 4-sided planner at the Beech River property: no updates
- Sawyer & Nichols Rd: Need to get in and mark the boundaries. Buchanan and Otterbach noted it's still very wet. May need to wait until the September.
- White Mtn Survey: proposal & design for parking area for property on Annie Nichols Rd. Tax Map: 96 Lot: 24 McConarty to contact Brad Harriman's review of project
- Scenic Overlook: to schedule Spring & Fall clean ups. Highway department are going to cut the brush but still need to schedule a trash clean-up day.

DES Notices: *(for informational awareness only)*

Conducting compliance inspections of permitted projects during the months of June – September.

- **Permit file # 2011-00612:** Daniel & Alice Blake, 270 Mountain Rd. Tax Map: 57 Lot: 12.
- **Permit file # 2014-00327:** Daniel Hussey, Whits End Campground, 140 Newman Drew Rd. Tax Map: 17 Lot: 14.
- **Permit file # 2014-01260:** Dennis & Julie Connors and Sandy Leandro, 8 & 12 Bearcamp River Rd. Tax Map: 27 Lot: 20.
- **Permit file # 2013-01230:** Jeff Carr, 266 Chickville Rd. Tax Map: 241 Lot: 17.
- **Permit file # 2012-02075:** NH Electric Co-op. c/o Dean Benton, Ira's Lane. Tax Map: 6 Lot: 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11.
- **Permit file # 2014-02957:** Denis Ciccarelli, 99 John Hodgdon Rd. Tax Map: 265 Lot: 19.
- **Permit file # 2013-03109:** Ossipee Valley Snowmobile Club, 400 Rte. 25 E. Tax Map: 68 Lot: 6.

Intent to Cut: *(for informational awareness only)*

- Tax Map: 223 Lot: 028 on 71 Thurley Rd. Owner is Neil & Jennifer Eldridge, to cut 3.5 acres of 4.4 acres by Brandon Valley of Valley Logging. Taxes are paid and no cemetery on the property.
- Tax Map: 243 Lot: 2 & Map: 244 Lot: 1 on Polly's Crossing. Owner is Downey Shea, to cut 200 +/- acres of 403 acres by H.W. Cook, Forester of Greenleaf Product, Inc.,
- Tax Map: 272 Lot: 022 on Stoneview Rd. Owner is Anthony Jacques, to cut 10 acres of 12 acres by Brandon Valley of Valley Logging. Taxes are paid and no cemetery on the property.

Other business:

- **Expedited Dock permit** submitted by Jim Rines for review & sign: applicant is Stephen Ingham at Tax Map: 35 Lot: 8. Buchanan and Otterbach reviewed application. **Motion** by Buchanan to approve the application for a dock permit. Otterbach seconded. No discussion. Buchanan, Otterbach, Dolan and McConarty voted in favor. Rosiak and Pendarvis abstained. **Motion passed.**
- **Lois Sweeney c/o Bruce Bennet:** Ms. Sweeney had inquired if Mr. Bennett had taken steps or spoken with anyone on the Conservation Commission about putting his property in conservation easement. No one on the Committee had spoken with Mr. Bennett.

- **July 4th Celebration & Old Home Week:** CC to set up a table with pamphlets, graphic trail maps for hiking conservation trails. Contact LRPC for possible trail maps.

Adjourn:

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

The meeting ended at 9:23 PM.

Next meeting date: Wednesday, July 12, 2017

Minutes approved by majority vote of the Commission on _____
Date

Marie McConarty, Vice Chairperson