

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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July 12, 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 7:00 PM.

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

Other Attendees: Justin Prunier, Connie Billings and Sandra “Sam” Martin

Minutes: Review to approve June 14, 2017 Minutes:

A **Motion** by Buchanan to accept the minutes of June 14, 2017 Meeting Minutes. Otterbach seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

Guests:

Justin Prunier from Sumner Brook Fish Hatchery was present to provide an update on the success of the Get Wild event.

Total attendees was around 77 adults and children.

Approximately 30 - 14 to 16 inch rainbow trout's were caught.

Wildlife Encounters – was well attended and popular with the kids.

Ossipee Conservation Commission – sets up tables.

GMCG water sample testing display table.

Justin Prunier submitted an invoice for \$320.00 to cover the cost of the 30 fish, hooks and worms. A **Motion** by McConarty to submit for payment from the Conservation Checking account in the amount of \$320.00 to Sumner Brook Fish Hatchery for the GET WILD event sponsored by the Ossipee Conservation Commission. Otterbach seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

Discussion for next year's event was started. Suggestions were made for increased advertising; possible timing of event at the end of Old Home Week and possibly moving food vendors closer to the pond were discussed. More discussions and planning to commence in January 2018.

Financial:

- Checking \$ n/a
- Money Market - \$56,313.32

- Budget Report – 6/01/2017 – 6/30/2017 was reviewed and discussed.
- NH Nongame & Endangered Wildlife: Deighan provided an update to the Committee that there are no benefits to the Town for being a member. Deighan reported it's basically a donation and not a membership. A **Motion** by McConarty to not pay the Membership renewal to NH Nongame & Endangered Wildlife. Dolan seconded. No further discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

New Business:

- Lake Host Program: Season Boat Ramp attendant – Otterbach reported he has exhausted his resources for obtaining a Host for this year. But the Commission still needs to provide coverage at the Boat ramps to monitor boats for vegetation.

Otterbach also suggested the CC will need to start earlier in finding a student or senior, who wants to work the boat ramps on the weekends from Memorial Day thru Labor Day.

A **Motion** by Buchanan to have Joe Deighan assume the role as Lake Host. Otterbach seconded. Discussion.

Buchanan suggested adding possibly \$1,000 from the Conservation Checking account to the salary in hopes of attaching someone to take the job as Lake Host.

Deighan refused to accept the job as Lake Host. Buchanan and Otterbach withdrew their motion.

Old Business:

- Conservation Land/Easements: Martin has gathered a list of properties held in conservation and has created a Master List which is on the Town website. Buchanan noticed some corrections and missing properties. He is to submit the info to Martin for corrections.

McConarty was questioning and looking for clarification on how land becomes the responsibility of the Conservation Committee and does the CC have to except a parcel of land for conservation. Buchanan replied no, the CC does not have to accept the land. McConarty also inquired how or if these conservation properties accrue any taxes from these properties.

- Town of Tamworth property: Deighan has had email communication with Leah Hart from NH Forest Society. He's hoping to walk the property with Ms. Hart soon. Deighan noted taxes are \$37.00 and the property is to stay as conservation land.
- Eagle Scout Project & 1900's 4-sided planner at the Beech River property: Bryce Northrop informed the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Committee that he has completed the trail project at Beech River Mill in order to earn his Eagle Scout. Otterbach acknowledged the wonderful job Bryce had done. Buchanan spoke with the schools shop teacher about having the student's build the sign. All he would need are the specs. Due to time constraints, this discussion will be held in a workshop session with a date to be determined.
- Sawyer & Nichols Rd: Need to get in and mark the boundaries. Buchanan and Otterbach noted it's still very wet. 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: Highway department will not be cutting the brush. Needs to go back out to bid, but according to Martin, Ralph Buchanan is not allowed to do the work because of perceived conflict of interest. Deighan is to address with the Board of Selectmen. A clean-up day still needs to be scheduled.

DES Notices: *(for informational awareness only)*

Wetlands Permit Notification:

- Proposed project site is 30 Route 16B & Beech River, owner Alan Hanscom. Install new catch basin and in order to discharge stormwater into Beech River.

Shoreland Impact Permits:

- Permit #: 2017-01510 – Paul Croteau – 85 Pequawket Trail, Tax Map: 46 Lot: 9
- Permit #: 2017-01626 – James F. & Brooke W. Rines Revocable Trust c/o James F. / Brooke Rines TTEES – 40 Connor Pond Rd. Tax Map: 61 Lot: 22

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

- Tax Map: 255 Lot: 5 on 11 Sawyer Rd. Owner is Scott Riley, to cut 10 acres of 18 acres by R.C. McLucas Trucking. Taxes are paid and no cemetery on the property.
- Tax Map: 261 Lot: 19 & 27, on Granit Rd. owner Ellen McManus, to cut 28 acres of 28 acres anticipated start date May 2017 by Marc Greaney, Western Maine Timberlands, Inc. Taxes are paid and no cemetery on the property.
- Tax Map: 243 Lot: 2 & Map: 244 Lot: 1 on Route 16. Owner is Downey Shea, to cut 100 acres of ?? acres with anticipated start date of Spring, by H.W. Cook, Forester of Greenleaf Product, Inc.,
- Tax Map: 17 Lot: 10 on Newman Drew Rd. Owner is Lee Hobbs Steege - POA, to cut 23 acres of 23 acres with anticipated start date of July 2017, by Jesse R. Duplin, Wadsworth Woodlands, Inc. Taxes are paid and no cemetery on the property

Informational Newsletters: *(for informational awareness only)*

- SOLitude Lake Management – notice for intended milfoil treatment this fall
- GMCG – The Watershed News – Summer 2017 edition
- NHDES – Supply Lines with the Source – Summer 2017 edition
- Dan Hole Pond Watershed Trust – Spring-Summer 2017 newsletter

Other business:

- Connie Billings addressed the CC on the proper Rules of Procedure and Robert's Rules for addressing motions.

- Deighan addressed his concerns about the Sumner Brook Fish Hatchery. After discussion, more review of the history behind this property is warranted.
- Ossipee Trail Maps: Martin presented a sample of Tamworth's trail map. Discussion of this being a long term project to include signage, pamphlet with information. The new CC needs to identify the trails and provide signage beforehand.
- Carroll County Farm: Pendarvis felt at odds on how this topic was first addressed. Since this discussion presented during the transition of committee members and may have been quickly brushed aside. She would like to contact Susan Wiley from Carroll County Farm to hear for herself what the issues are with the farm and what Susan Wiley is asking of the Conservation Commission.

Adjourn:

Motion made by Dolan, seconded by McConarty, to adjourn the meeting.

All voted in favor, motion passed.

The meeting ended at 8:31 PM.

Next meeting date: Wednesday, August 9, 2017

Minutes approved by majority vote of the Commission on _____

Date

Joe Deighan, Chairman

or

Marie McConarty, Vice Chairperson
(In the absence of the Chairman)