

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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September 13, 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: Joe Deighan called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call: Marie McConarty, Ralph Buchanan, Tim Otterbach, James Dolan and Joe Deighan.

Absent: Lorey Pendarvis

Minutes: Review to approve August 9, 2017 Minutes:

A **Motion** by Buchanan to accept the minutes of August 9, 2017 Meeting Minutes. McConarty seconded for discussion purposes.

Discussion: McConarty noted on page 1 the meeting was called to order by herself not Deighan as listed. McConarty noted Connie Billings was not in attendance as a guest. Dolan noted the meeting date was incorrect. Corrections were made to the minutes.

A **Motion** by Buchanan to accept the minutes of August 9, 2017 as amended. McConarty seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

Other Attendees:

Mark McConkey present to discuss Dwight Winkley's farm fields for maintenance on his property at 256 Chickville Rd. McConkey explain this is an elderly gentlemen, who needs assistance keeping his fields cut back down around Garland Pond and Beech River. Mr. Winkley contacted Shoreland Protection to notify them of the work he was going to be done and NHDES Shoreland Protection told Mr. Winkley, he would need to have the property mapped because the Beech River is on the protected list of 4th order streams.

A **Motion** by McConarty to approve a site visit by Otterbach, who will walk the property with McConkey to determine the amount of work to be done, especially around the wetland area and to move forward with work as long as all Federal, State and Local Regulations are followed. Otterbach seconded. No further discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

Financial:

- Checking Balance \$ 3,374.06 after reconciliation of account.
- Money Market - \$ 57,574.74 reviewed.
- Budget & Revenue Reports: August 2017 – Dolan raised questions about going over budget with secretary's wages and asked if the Selectmen would offset the difference.
- Pat Jones Stationary Cards - \$18.00 received from sales of cards.

A **Motion** by McConarty to accept the donation. Dolan seconded. No further discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

A **Motion** by McConarty to deposit the donation into the Conservation Commissions Money Market account because this is the account the original money was expensed from. Buchanan seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

New Business:

- Scenic Overlook: Otterbach did a site visit to take actual measurements and see exactly what needs to be removed or cut. Discussion ensued over the three specific areas to cut and clear. Otterbach to write up RFP description and scope of work to be done and email to the CC for review.

Old Business:

- Tamworth property: Leah Hart – Forest Society site walk visit scheduled for Sept. 7th. Deighan and Otterbach met with Leah Hart and Otterbach attended the site walk. Otterbach gave a detail summary of the visit and will submit a written description of the site walk. Leah Hart will submit a written report. Otterbach to do another site walk with Richard Gerard. McConarty would like to attend.
- Sawyer & Nichols Rd: Fall project to set date to mark the boundaries. Otterbach visited the area on Nichols Road and reports it's still very wet. Buchanan noted it won't be until October or November before the Commission will be able to get out there.

DES Notices:

The members reviewed and discussed.

- Division of Forest & Land – to harvest timber from 40 acres of the Little Pine River State Forest
- **Wetlands Permit Notification:**
 - File # 2017-0 – Bill & Dorothy Brooks, 44 Danville Rd. for Tax Map: 20 Lot: 7 – Dredge & Fill permit. CC discussion ensued over the house falling into the Ossipee Lake and the need remove the debris. Deighan spoke with Attorney Sager, who informed him the attorneys are trying to work out a mutual agreement and anything the Conservation Commission can do to expedite the proceedings, they should go ahead and do. CC has no issue with the permit.

A **Motion** by Otterbach to approve the Expedited Wetland Permit for 44 Danville Rd. Deighan seconded. No further discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. Deighan corrected the date of signature after official motion and approval by the Conservation Commission.

- File # 2017-0 – Graham Thomas Jensen, 70 Deer Cove Rd. Tax Map: 44 Lot: 67 – dock permit. Packets were distributed, reviewed and discussion ensued. Deighan did a site visit and noticed there is a wooden dock and an aluminum dock next to each other on the left side of the property. McConarty noted Mr. Burke had two docks out all summer until this notice presented, subsequently one dock was pulled out. After speaking with the neighbors, it was determined the farthest dock is grandfathered and not sure why a second dock would be needed.

A **Motion** by Otterbach to approve the NHDES Wetland Permit for a dock with no exceptions at the location of 70 Deer Cove Rd. Tax Map: 44 Lot: 67. Dolan seconded. No further discussion.

Deighan called for a vote in favor of approving the permit: Otterbach and Dolan voted in favor. McConarty and Buchanan vote to oppose.

Deighan asked McConarty and Buchanan why they voted in opposition.

McConarty stated she is not familiar with the entire process and if the State is to oversee. She does not understand why it needs to be expedited because we are at the end of the boating season. If they have owned the property of years and are just doing this to try and sell their property to get more money for it, that's fine, but they should be required to go through the whole normal process and it does not need to be expedited. Deighan asked Buchanan for his rationale.

Buchanan stated he is opposed for the same reasoning as McConarty. It is the end of the boating season, docks are being pulled out of the water and there is no need for this to be expedited.

Deighan noted per the NHDES website; by not signing means, the Conservation Commission is going to investigate. Deighan read the Conservation Commission Signature instruction from the application which states: "The signature below certifies that the municipal conservation commission has reviewed this application, and:

1. Waives its right to intervene per RSA 482-A: 11;
2. Believes that the application and submitted plans accurately represent the proposed project; and
3. Has no objection to permitting the proposed work."

Deighan then read the "Direction for Conservation Commission

1. Expedited review ONLY requires that the conservation commission's signature is obtained in the space above.
2. Expedited review requires the Conservation Commission signature be obtained **prior** to the submittal of the original application to the Town/City Clerk for signature.
3. The Conservation Commission may refuse to sign. If the Conservation Commission does not sign this statement for any reason, the application is not eligible for expedited review and the application will be reviewed in the standard review time frame."

Commission discussion continued.

McConarty called on Deighan for the deciding vote. Deighan voted in favor of approving the motion to grant the NHDES Wetland Permit for a dock with no exceptions at the location of 70 Deer Cove Rd. Tax Map: 44 Lot: 67. **Motion passed 3 - 2.**

Intent to Cut: (for informational awareness only)

The members were supplied with a copy of the Intent to Cut Notice along with a tax map to illustrate the location of the property. The CC reviewed and discussed.

- Tax Map: 42 Lot: 003 Sub: 002 on Pinder Mill Rd. Owner is Christopher Helme & Kathryn Hodgdon; to cut 10 acres of 31 acres by H.W. Cook – Greenleaf Products, Inc. anticipated start date is summer 2017. Taxes are paid and Cemetery on Lot 3. No Cemetery on Lot 2.
- Tax Map: 216 Lot: 11 & 14, Map: 218 Lot: 33, Map: 64 Lot: 20 on Pinder Mill Rd. Owner is Christopher Helme & Kathryn Hodgdon; to cut 110 acres of 241 acres by H.W. Cook – Greenleaf Products, Inc. anticipated start date is summer 2017. Taxes are paid and no cemetery on property.
- Tax Map: 39 Lot: 1, Map: 41 Lot: 17 and Map: 209 Lot: 2 on Pine Hill Rd. Owner is Stephen Eisenhaure; to cut 30 acres of 400 acres by Larry Bolstridge. Anticipated start date is 09/01/2017. Taxes exempt and no cemetery on property.
- Tax Map: 268 Lot: 005 on Route 28. Owner is Peter McFarlane; to cut 40 acres of 40 acres by Arthur Woods, Jr. anticipated start date is 09/12/2017. Taxes paid and no cemetery on property.

The secretary questioned if that was a lake next to this property. The members reviewed and have concerns with cutting within the wetlands.

A **Motion** by McConarty to draft a letter to Town Administrator, Ellen White stating the Conservation Commission has concerns with this property's Intent to cut permit, to cut 40 acres of 40 acres and the impact to the wetlands. The Conservation Commission would like assurances that Federal, State guidelines relative to wetlands is considered and request that Bob Boyd visit the site. Otterbach seconded. No further discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

- Tax Map: 272 Lot: 21 on Stoneview Rd. Owner is Jason Haddigan; to cut 10 acres of 14.45 acres by Brandon R. Valley of Valley Logging. Anticipated start date is 07/17/2017. Taxes paid and no cemetery on property.
- Tax Map: 265 Lot: 24 on John Hodgdon Rd. Owner is William & Alice Jeddrey to cut 4 acres of 5 acres by Brandon R. Valley of Valley Logging. Anticipated start date is 09/01/2017. Taxes on Bond and no cemetery on property.
- Tax Map: 265 Lot: 23 on John Hodgdon Rd. Owner is William & Alice Jeddrey to cut 4 acres of 5.02 acres by Brandon R. Valley of Valley Logging. Anticipated start date is 09/01/2017. Taxes on Bond and no cemetery on property.
- Tax Map: 265 Lot: 13 on John Hodgdon Rd. Owner is William & Alice Jeddrey to cut 3 acres of 5.01 acres by Brandon R. Valley of Valley Logging. Anticipated start date is 09/01/2017. Taxes on Bond and no cemetery on property.

Informational Newsletters: (for informational awareness only)

The members reviewed and discussed.

- SFI – NH Sustainable Forestry Initiative – Field Day
- NH Association of CC: 47th Annual Meeting & Conference on 11/04/2017
- Annual Woodland Supporters Survey 2017 form
- NH Lakes – Membership renewal
- NH Lakes – The Legacy Newsletter, Summer/Fall 2017
- NH Town and City – September /October 2017

Other business:

- Trail Signage: Buchanan showed a sample of signage he is suggesting to have the some sort of emblem on the signs. Buchanan would like to see the signs at Sumner Brook, Scenic Overlook, maybe down around Constitution Park, Beech River and eventually on all Conservation Commission trails and properties. Buchanan is looking to obtain the basic concept design of the sign. Buchanan spoke with Bruce Par at Kingswood School to see if this would be a great project for the shop kids this year. Bruce Par said if the CC designs it, the kids will work on it. Otterbach volunteered to draw up a design and present to the Commission for input.
- Laminate Maps: Otterbach brought in the maps but was not able to get them laminated.

Adjourn:

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

All voted in favor, motion passed.

The meeting ended at 8:38 PM.

Next meeting date: Wednesday, October 11, 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)