

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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January 10, 2018

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 – Vice Chair, Ralph Buchanan, Tim Otterbach, Lorey Pendarvis and James Dolan.

Absent: Chairman, Joe Deighan

Minutes: The CC reviewed the minutes of December 13, 2017.

A **Motion** by Buchanan to accept the minutes of December 13, 2017 Meeting Minutes. Dolan seconded. No discussion. All voted in favor to accept the minutes as written.

Financial: The members reviewed.

- Budget Reports: December 2017
- Checking – N/A
- Money Market – N/A
- Society for the Protection of NH Forests: Annual Membership Donation Renewal. The Committee discussed the benefits of being a member. With no further questions.

A **Motion** by Buchanan to renew the annual membership donation renewal in the amount of \$150.00 to Society for the Protection of NH Forests. Otterbach seconded. No further discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

- Get Wild Invoice - \$295.00 past due. McConarty and Nash explained to the committee the confusion over the past due amount and the invoice has been resubmitted for payment.

New Business:

- GMCG: VBAP Report on water quality of Ossipee Lake. Otterbach summarized the report and explained the difference between the VBAP (Volunteer Brooks & Rivers Assessment Program) and VLAP (Volunteer Lakes Assessment Program) reports. Otterbach commented that GMCG is always looking for volunteers, so if anyone is interested in volunteering they should contact GMCG directly.
- Town Reports due by January 26, 2018. The Committee made suggestions of topics to include. McConarty will write up a draft version over the weekend and send to the committee for the input.
- Lake Host Program: Grant is due in March. Job descriptions for the Lake Host Inspector and the Lake Host Manager were given to the committee members. Otterbach will contact Jim McElroy in Freedom for details of when the grant is due and the possibility of sharing the Lake Host between Freedom and Ossipee.

Old Business:

- **Trail Signage:** Buchanan spoke with Tom Loonam, the Wood Technology teacher at Kingswood High School. Tom Loonam has indicated he would prefer to use poplar wood for its durability and to start with 2 signs for this year. Estimated cost of materials is roughly \$200.00 each plus the cost of the post. The CC would be responsible for installation. Buchanan stated the first two signs would be placed at the Windows on Ossipee and the Town Forest.

A **Motion** by Otterbach to appropriate up to \$250.00 for material cost for two signs that will be fabricated by Kingswood Regional High School technology woodshop students and placed at the Windows on the Ossipee and the Town Forest. Pendarvis seconded. No further discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

- **Scenic Vista:** Clean-up proposal. McConarty to follow up with Joe Deighan and the Town Administrator if the RFP was ever issued.

DES Notices:

Wetlands Permit Notification: The members reviewed

- **File #2017-03429** – Hutton Partners, LLC (O'Reilly Auto Parts) – 905 Route 16. Tax Map: 123 Lot: 061 Sub: 001. Permit granted with conditions.

A **Motion** by McConarty to sign the Wetlands permit for **File #2017-03429** – Hutton Partners, LLC (O'Reilly Auto Parts). Otterbach seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

- **File #2016-3056 – Whittier Covered Bridge c/o Brad Harriman**, Hwy Dir. for Town of Ossipee – Nudd Rd. Tax Map: 8 & 7. Wetlands Permit Application submitted.

Intent to Cut: McConarty read and informed the members of the notice

- Tax Map: 236 Lot: 015 (Original Cut) on Elm Street. Owner is Gregory Chabot; to cut 48 acres of 56 acres by William A Day Jr. & Sons., anticipated start date is 12/27/2017. Approved by the Board of Selectmen. Taxes are paid and No Cemetery.

Informational Newsletters:

- Dan Hole Pond Watershed Trust Newsletter
- Forest Foundation – Woodland, winter 2017

Any Other Business that May Come Before the Commission:

- Sawyer & Nichols Rd.: Otterbach suggested walking the property with snowshoes to tag the boundary lines in March. Buchanan and McConarty are willing to help.
- Windows on the Ossipee: Otterbach suggested walking with Dan Hole Pond Watershed Trust in the spring and blaze a hiking trail in early April. McConarty stated she would go about three meetings ago but was not sure where the discussion ended.
- Parking at the Windows: Otterbach inquired if the CC ever received the proposal from White Mountain Survey & Engineering for parking at the Windows on the Ossipee. The secretary noted the proposal had been received but it was at the time during the transition of CC members. Need to pull file for next meeting.
- EDC & Historical Society: EDC is trying to reinvigorate the Historical Society and looking for more volunteers.

Adjourn: A **Motion** made by Otterbach, seconded by Buchanan to adjourn the meeting.

All voted in favor, motion passed.

The meeting ended at 8:06 PM.

Next meeting date: Wednesday, February 14, 2018

Minutes approved by majority vote of the Commission on _____

Date

Joe Deighan, Chairman

or

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