

TOWN OF OSS�PEE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

December 12, 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 – Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Roll Call: Marie McConarty – Vice Chair, Ralph Buchanan, Tim Otterbach, James Dolan, Lorey Pendarvis and Krystal Eldridge **Absent:** Joe Deighan – Chairman, and Laura Nash - Secretary

Guest: Jillian M. Emerson, MB (ASCP)^{CM} Water Quality Coordinator, of Green Mountain Conservation Group was here providing a presentation on the water quality findings for this year and new efforts in 2019 that GMCG is going to embark upon. GMCG provides water sampling at 8 sites in Ossipee. Ossipee has two volunteers for river water testing. There are 4 volunteers for the lake assessment program for Ossipee. All data for Ossipee fall within NHDES standards except one site which gets drainage from a bog, resulting in slightly elevated pH levels. GMCG works with UNH collecting and analyzing field data and within the next two years, they will provide a 10 year analysis of the area. Jillian provided detailed results for each lake, pond and rivers.

New programs being offered in 2019 are:

1. Bi-weekly water quality monitoring for Ciano Bacteria and E.coli.
2. Microbial tracking and will be grant dependent.
3. Best Management Practice & implementation

Jonathan Smith from the Budget Committee presented with a petition for the Conservation Commission members to sign. The petition is to form an Official Elected Budget Committee for the Governor Wentworth School District to provide oversight and accountability.

Jillian continued with questions and answer pertaining to E.coli testing in the summer months. Ciano-bacteria toxins and poisoning and the effects, illnesses and in some cases death it can cause. Areas of testing were discussed. GMCG is looking to work with people, who live on the lake for best management practices and continue working with business owners. Efforts in Ossipee involve the Get Wet program with the Elementary School, which involves water testing. The VBAC program involves looking for macro-invertebrates in the lakes, pond and rivers. Jillian concluded by inviting the members to various GMCG events over the holiday and beyond.

Meeting Minutes: The Conservation Commission tabled the approval of the October 10, 2018 Minutes, due to the secretary being out sick and not having a copy of the minutes for review.

Financial:

- Budget Reports: 11/01/2018 – 11/30/2018 not reviewed by the CC.
- CC Checking – \$1,147.08 was acknowledged by the CC.
- Money Market – \$66,280.52 was acknowledged by the CC.
- Pat Jones Notecards - \$6.00 from sales at Public Library – not acted upon by the CC.
- NHACC - \$325.00 membership dues 2019 - Not acted upon by the CC
- Ralph Buchanan – Invoice for \$362.99, Buchanan asked to increase the amount to reimburse him by \$125.00, to include the amount he paid Jessica Warren for painting the sign.

A **Motion** by Dolan to reimburse Ralph Buchanan in the amount of \$487.99 for the sign construction to be placed at The Windows on the Ossipee Mountains. Otterbach seconded. No further discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

- Lake Host Program – Invoice for \$1,034.13

Otterbach explained a letter needs to be generated to NH Lakes allowing them to access the account in order to pay the Lake Hosts salaries. Otterbach will contact Jim McEvoy and Jim Fitzpatrick for a detailed report of the Lake Hosts hours, etc... The Commission chose not acted upon until they could review the invoice and get the report for McEvoy and Fitzpatrick.

- Dan Hole Pond Watershed Trust – Invoice for \$15.00 - Not acted upon by the CC
- American Forest Foundation – donation request - Not acted upon by the CC

New Business: None at this time.

Unfinished Business:

- Trail Signage: Buchanan asked for help making the the post for the sign, and installing them. They will meet at 10:00 am, Saturday at Buchanan house.

- Scenic Vista/Windows on the Ossipee Clean-up: Deighan, Otterbach and Buchanan met with AJ to review the work to be done. Markers were placed for reference points and any brush will be chipped. Most likely, the work will take place in the spring due to the early snow and cold temperatures. Buchanan will meet with AJ to get a better schedule for the work to be done.

- Old Mill Site on Beech River & Annie Nichols Rd Parking: Deighan spoke with McConarty prior to the meeting to let her know, according to White Mtn Survey & Engineering, they have not received a letter giving them the go ahead to start the work. Deighan is going to check with the Selectmen.

Intent to Cut:

- **Tax Map: 227 Lot: 16:** (Original Cut) on Dorrs Corner Rd. Owner is William H. May, III; to cut 5 acres of 5.7 acres by Brandon R. Valley of Valley Logging, anticipated start date is 10/01/2018. Approved by the Board of Selectmen. Taxes are paid and No Cemetery.
- **Tax Map: 272 Lot: 008:** (Original Cut) on Youngs Rd. Owner is John Nielson & Beth Kontos; to cut 3 acres of 7.01 acres by Ralph Edmunds DBA Edmunds Truckers, anticipated start date is 10/22/2018. Approved by the Board of Selectmen. Taxes are paid and No Cemetery.
- **Tax Map: 103 Lot: 001:** (Original Cut) on Blake Hill Rd. Owner is Enoch & Geoff Stiff; to cut 170 acres of 205 acres by William a. Day Jr. & Sons, anticipated start date is 10/01/2018. Approved by the Board of Selectmen. Taxes are paid and No Cemetery.
- **Tax Map: 135 Lot: 24 & 25 and Tax Map: 267 Lot: 003:** (Supplemental Cut) on Route 71. Owner is Harold Cook - Homestead Trust II; to cut 56 acres of 56 acres by Harold Cook of Greenleaf Products, Inc., anticipated start date late summer. Approved by the Board of Selectmen. Taxes are paid and No Cemetery.

NHDES:

Wetlands & Non-site specific Permit:

File #2018-XXXXX – Northgate Ossipee, LLC – Wetland's Permit application to repair shoreline erosion and a retaining wall washed out by storms.

File #2018-00595 – NHDOT approval from NHDES to replace drainage systems to rehabilitate waterbodies at Lovell River Bridge & Bearcamp River Bridge.

File #2018-03495 – Zoe Marie Rev. Trust care of Julie Smith, Trustee. Tax Map: 022 Lot: 039 – Wetlands Permit application returned for missing information.

File #2018-03477 – Ossipee Aggregates Corp. Tax Map: 130 Lot: 010 received Emergency Authorization to stabilize a corrugate steel culvert at Frenchmen Brook.

File #2018- XXXX – Jeremy Danley c/o McConkey & Associates Wetland's Permit application to stabilize exposed excavation along the Bearcamp River.

Forestry Notice:

File #2018-03500 – Enoch Stiff – Tax Map: 103 Lot: 001

Shoreland Program:

File #2018-02247 – Stephen E. Ingham Revocable Trust revised plans on seasonal dock and anchor pad. NHDES is requesting additional information.

Informational Newsletters: Acknowledged receipt.

Wildlines: Fall 2018 edition

NH Lakes: Lakeside Newsletter fall 2018

Supply Lines – Fall 2018 edition

Carroll County Conservation District – letter received 11/13/2019

Lakes Region Conservation Trust – The Legacy – Fall 2018

Town & City – Nov/Dec-2018

Notices: Town of Ossipee Christmas Celebration

Any Other Business that May Come Before the Commission:

Eldridge raised concerns about a logging operation taking place near her and who, she should report it too. Because they're dragging and crossing through a brook and destructing it. Eldridge was advised to contact Bob Boyd, Ossipee Timber Monitor to inform him of the site.

Otterbach noted that Sawyer Road and Depot Road sites will need to be walked as part of the conservation easement responsibilities of the commission. Unless there is a warm day, most likely this will have to wait until spring.

Adjournment:

A **Motion** made by Otterbach to adjourn the meeting. Pendarvis seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **All voted in favor, motion passed.** The meeting ended at 8:10 PM.

Next meeting date: January 09, 2019

Minutes approved by majority vote of the Commission on _____
Date

Joe Deighan, Chairman

or

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