

TOWN OF OSS�PEE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

March 20, 2019

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 7:05 PM.

Roll Call: Joe Deighan – Chairman, Marie McConarty – Vice Chair, James Dolan and Lorey Pendarvis.

Absent was Kristal Eldridge.

Guest: Steve McConarty

Membership: Tim Otterbach - Letter of Non-Reappointment received from BOS and Kristal Eldridge was reappointed to the CC. Leaving 1 – Vacant Position, and 2 – Alternate Positions Vacant.

A **Motion** by Dolan to write a letter of appreciation to Tim Otterbach. McConarty seconded. No further discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

Late Arrival: Ralph Buchanan arrived at 7:05 pm.

Election: Joe Deighan read a letter of resignation due to schedule availability, now that he has been appointed to Fire Commissioner with Center Ossipee Fire Department.

Chairperson: A **Motion** by Buchanan to nominate Marie McConarty as Chairperson. Dolan seconded. No further discussion. No further discussion. All others voted was taken. McConarty abstained.

Vice-Chairperson: A **Motion** by Dolan to nominate Ralph Buchanan as Vice-Chairperson. Pendarvis seconded. No further discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

Meeting Minutes: Review to approve February 13, 2019 Minutes and sign January 9, 2019.

Joe Deighan signed the previously approved January 9, 2019 meeting minutes.

A **Motion** by Dolan to accept the meeting minutes of February 13, 2019, as submitted. Pendarvis seconded. No discussion. All others voted in favor. **Abstained:** Deighan and McConarty, **Motion passed.**

Financial: N/A

Unfinished Business:

- **CC Property Signs:** Deighan spoke with the Board of Selectmen, who have agreed to the replacement of the sign at the Town Forest and new sign at the Window on the Ossipee Mountains, provided the signs remain behind the 50 ft. right-of-way. Installation of the posts at the Window on the Ossipee Mountains has already taken place.

Buchanan brought in updated design to the lettering for the Window on the Ossipee Mountains sign. Changes were made based on sizing and layout. Once the signs are done, installation will be done by the CC members.

Steve McConarty informed the CC of applying for a sign permit and he is responsible for making sure the sign is structural sound. M. McConarty will apply for a sign permit.

A **Motion** by Deighan to approve changes to the sign for Window on the Ossipee Mountains. Dolan seconded. No further discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion passed.**

- Scenic Vista/Windows on the Ossipee Clean-up: Buchanan is to contact AJ about starting work in the spring.
- Old Mill Site on Beech River & Annie Nichols Rd Parking: Deighan is to follow up with White Mtn. Engineering & Survey, Inc. and the Town Administrator.

After being quilt ridden, Deighan agreed to remain on the Conservation Commission but only as a member.

A **Motion** by Buchanan to reject and tear up Joe Deighan's letter of resignation from the Conservation Commission. McConarty seconded. No further discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

New Business:

- Lake Host: Nelson Riley – the committee discussed and the secretary is to send Mr. Riley the links on the NH Lakes website for further information.
- Lake Host Program: Discussion on grant funds for the Lake Host and proposed Tri-Town Lake Host program with Freedom, Tamworth and Ossipee ensued. McConarty is to contact Jim McElroy about the Lake Host program.
- Bylaws: Were briefly reviewed and will be addressed at the next meeting. Deighan and Buchanan noted that not all conservation land is held in easements. There is some conservation land still held in current use. Buchanan will speak with Ms. Lyman about old records she may have.

Deighan noted the Office of Strategic Initiatives recommends having no more than 30% of total town land held in conservation. Deighan believes the town is at 30% now. Buchanan noted a large amount of conservation land is in current use and can be taken out of conservation at any time.

A **Motion** by McConarty to request from Town Assessor, which properties are true conservation land verses conservation land held in current use. Pendarvis seconded. No further discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion passed.**

Intent to Cut:

- **Tax Map: 243 Lot: 002 and Tax Map: 244 Lot: 001:** (Original Cut) on Route 16. Owner is Eastern Materials, LLC; to cut 100 acres of 432 acres by Harold Cook of Greenleaf Products, Inc., anticipated start date is spring 2019. Approved by the Board of Selectmen. Taxes are paid and Cemetery on Tax Map: 244 Lot: 001.
- **Tax Map: 266 Lot: 007:** (Original Cut) on Route 16. Owner is Donald Hayward of Ossipee Aggregates; to cut 20 acres of 1318 acres by Harold Cook of Greenleaf Products, Inc., anticipated start date is spring 2019. Approved by the Board of Selectmen. Taxes are paid and No Cemetery.

NHDES:

Wetlands & Non-site specific Permit:

File #2019-10431 – NHDOT, NH Route 16 and NH Route 28, Standard Dredge & Fill Application. The proposed work consists of widening shoulders, upgrading signals, rehabilitating pavement, drainage upgrades to cross culverts and underdrain, and the construction of three treatment swale areas.

A **Motion** by McConarty authorizing Joe Deighan to sign the Dredge & Fill application permits for NHDOT File # 2019-10431. Pendarvis seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

Shoreland Program:

File #2019-00542 – Marcin Jarmoc, 5 Furber Rd. Tax Map: 044 Lot: 074 – Additional information requested. The committee briefly discussed and had no issues with the proposed work.

Informational Newsletters:

- NHDOT: A letter for work on Route 28 over the railroad tracks. Questionnaire to be completed.
- Student Conservation Association's NH Corps (SCA NH Corps)
- Town & City Publication – March/April 2019
- Flood Resiliency & Aquatic Habitat Workshop
- Supply Lines with The Source
- The Watershed News – Spring 2019

Any Other Business that May Come Before the Commission:

- Get Wild Program: Due to possible sale of the property, the CC will need to speak with Justin & Jessie.
- Wayne Klappordt – Wetland Permit: he is requesting if a members of the committee would be available to sign off on the permit tomorrow to help expedite the process. After discussion, the CC chose not to expedite without seeing plans first.

Adjournment:

A **Motion** made by McConarty to adjourn the meeting. Pendarvis seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **All voted in favor, motion passed.** The meeting ended at 8:03 PM.

Next meeting date: **April 10, 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)