

TOWN OF OSS�PEE  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES

May 13, 2020

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 – Chair, Ralph Buchanan, James Dolan, and Lorey Pendarvis

**Absent:** Krystal Eldridge.

**Election of Officers:**

**Chairperson:** A **Motion** by Dolan to nominate Marie McConarty as Chairperson. Pendarvis seconded. No discussion. All others voted in favor. McConarty abstained.

**Vice-Chairperson:** A **Motion** by Pendarvis to nominate Ralph Buchanan as Vice-Chairperson. Dolan seconded. No discussion. All others voted in favor. Buchanan abstained.

**Meeting Minutes:** Review to approve February 12, 2020, March 11, 2020 & April 08, 2020 Minutes

A **Motion** by Buchanan to approve the meeting minutes of February 12, 2020, March 11, 2020 & April 08, 2020 Minutes. Pendarvis seconded. No discussion. All voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

Buchanan commented that he had spoken with Tim Otterbach. Buchanan asked if he was still interested in possibly being on the Conservation Committee. But seemed to think there was a conflict with the Board of Selectmen. It was explained to Buchanan that the issue was per “***673:7 Planning Board Members Serving on Other Local Boards. - I. Any 2 appointed or elected members of the planning board in a city or town may also serve together on any other municipal board or commission, except that no more than one appointed or elected member of the planning board shall serve on the conservation commission, the local governing body, or a local land use board as defined in RSA 672:7.***” And since Otterbach was up for re-appointment, the Selectmen opted to not re-appointment him.

**Financial:**

- Budget Report: 01/01/2020 – 04/30/2020
- Account Activity Reports – Discussion and review of the accounts activity has prompted a request of further explanation from the Town Treasurer of the available funds. Dolan requested if the CC could get a monthly activity report for each account.
- American Forest Foundation – After discussion and verified through Buchanan this donation has not participated in a few years.

A **Motion** by Dolan to decline donating to American Forest Foundation at this time. Pendarvis seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken to approve. **Motion passed.**

- F&G Nongame & Endangered Wildlife: After discussion,

A **Motion** by Buchanan to decline donating to F&G Nongame & Endangered Wildlife at this time. Pendarvis seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken to approve. **Motion passed.**

- White Mountain Survey & Engineering, Inc. invoice \$195.00 – prepare wetlands application.

A **Motion** by Buchanan to pay White Mountain Survey & Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$195.00. Payment is to be made from the Conservation Commission Money Market account. Dolan seconded. No discussion. All unanimous vote was taken. **Motion passed.**

### **Old Business:**

- Tamworth Property: Emily Landry of the Forest Society inspected the property and submitted an emailed summary of her findings. The CC wants to determine who is dumping trash on the property, but Emily Landry has spoken with a gentleman at the Shooting Range. They will start monitoring the area more often.
- Easement Monitoring Report – DRAFT – Buchanan inquired where this document came from. The secretary informed the CC that she had obtained it from the UNH Co-operative Extension and adapted it to the Town of Ossipee for completing when performing monitoring of easement properties. Properties in question are Nichols Road, Sawyer Road, Garland Pond area, etc...

Buchanan has been compiling a list of Conservation properties for potential logging. At the request of the Town Administrator, they are asking the CC to potentially allow all income from timber harvest of Town owned properties and/or specific conservation easement properties. All funds would be designated/donated to the General Fund to potentially help offset the Town budget due to insufficient tax collection. Buchanan is waiting to hear back from Matt Sawyer, Jr., Town Administrator.

- Sign Project: Town Forest – Buchanan reported he has the material but needs assistance staining, assembling and installing the sign. McConarty and the others will meet on May 16, 2020 to help.
- Beech River & Annie Nichols Rd Parking: The CC members need to meet with the Board of Selectmen to determine if the Highway Department personal will continue to provide the labor for constructing the parking spaces.

### **New Business:**

- Lake Host Program: email from Ned Kucera. McConarty updated the CC members on the Budget Committee's decision and that it should be included in the Milfoil/Invasive Species Fund. Ned Kucera will be paid this year out of the money market account, but next year, Ned Kucera will need to apply through a petition warrant article or as an outside agency for funding.

A **Motion** by Buchanan to expense in the amount of \$3,500.00 to NH Lakes for Ossipee's contribution for the Lake Host Program 2020 season and to be expended from the Conservation Money Market account. Dolan seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion Passed.**

The CC was informed of a resident, Julie Labinski, who is interested in becoming a member of the CC. She is to submit a letter of interest to the CC. The CC would then send a letter of recommendation to the Board of Selectmen for approval. McConarty will inform Julie of the process.

- NH Tree Farm Program: Timber Harvesting – Buchanan has contacted Rick Gerard, Forester, who has conveyed that the Town Forest on Route 16 that only the front is ready for harvesting at this time. The roadside edge is the thickest, but once you get into the woods it's fairly thin.

The Sumner Brook property was logged about 8 years ago, but one section was not cut due to some trees had blight.

### **NHDES/NHDOT:**

#### Wetlands Permit:

- Applicant - Elizabeth & Franklin Williams Real Estate Trust. Owner - Elizabeth A. Sawyer c/o Diane Sawyer Videtto, Attorney in fact DPOA of 156 Leavitt Rd. Tax Map: 032 Lot: 009 for removal of (2) existing docks and installation of a concrete pad.

The secretary reviewed the latest NHDES procedure process effective December 15, 2019 with the committee.

Discussion: The CC reviewed the plans, but concerns were raised with how the 6 ft. x 6 ft. concrete pad would be anchored within live sand and to ensure it complies with flood plains regulations. After discussion, McConarty signed the permit application but a notation was made voicing their concerns for the anchoring of the concrete pad.

A **Motion** by Buchanan for NHDES review the proposed anchoring of the concrete base pad and ensure it complies with flood plains regulations. Pendarvis seconded. No further discussion. A unanimous vote was heard. **Motion passed.**

- File No.: NHB19-1443; DES File No. 2018-03477; Ossipee Aggregates Corp; Tax Map: 130 Lot: 010. Request for more information. (update)

#### Shoreland Permit: The CC reviewed and had no concerns.

- NHDES File Number: 2020-00348 – SFC Engineering Partnership, Inc. for 11 Nichols Rd. Tax Map: 029 Lot: 001
- NHDES File Number: 2020-00399 – Town of Ossipee, Conservation Commission c/o White Mountain Survey & Engineering, Inc., for Annie Nichols Rd. Tax Map: 096 Lot: 024 has been approved.

#### Forestry Permit: The CC reviewed and had no concerns.

- NHDES File Number: 2020-00443 – Malcolm Bacon of 155 Pine Hill Rd. Tax Map: 041 Lot: 003 – Confirmation of Complete Forestry Statutory Permit-by-Notification
- NHDES File Number: 2020-00682 – Donald Meader of 1855 Route 16. Tax Map: 038 Lot: 003 & 008 has received Permit-by- Notification.

**Intent to Cut:** The CC reviewed and had no concerns. Buchanan commented since everyone is having trees cut for income, if may not be a good time to have the forest cut because all the prices are way down, and it would not be financially beneficial.

- **Tax Map: 117 Lot: 031:** (Original Cut) Owner: Geraldine D. Smith Conservation Trust c/o Elizabeth Gillette Trustee on Route 16, to cut 40 acres of 89 acres of land by Peter Farrell anticipated start date ASAP. Approved by the Board of Selectmen. Taxes are paid. No Cemetery.
- **Tax Map: 078 Lot: 004:** (Supplemental Cut) Owner: Jim Rymes on Connor Pond Rd, to cut 5 acres of 19 acres of land by Michael Eldridge of Eldridge Logging, LLC, anticipated start date continuation from 12/15/2019. Approved by the Board of Selectmen. Taxes are paid. No Cemetery.
- **Tax Map: 011 Lot: 011 & Tax Map: 013 Lot: 002:** (Original Cut) Owner: Jeff Lougee, Director of Stewardship c/o The Nature Conservancy on Backland behind Windsock , to cut 23 acres of 74 acres & 1003 acres of land by Tim Nolin of Forest Land Improvement anticipated start date March 2020. Approved by the Board of Selectmen. Taxes are paid. No Cemetery.
- **Tax Map: 243 Lot: 002 and Tax Map: 244 Lot: 001:** (Supplemental 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. Approved by the Board of Selectmen. Taxes are paid and Cemetery on Tax Map: 244 Lot: 001.

- **Tax Map: 038 Lot: 003 & Tax Map: 038 Lot: 008:** (Original Cut) Owner: Donald Meader of 1855 Route 16 , to cut 100 acres of 164 acres of land by Wadsworth Woodlands anticipated start date March 2020. Approved by the Board of Selectmen. Taxes are paid. No Cemetery.
- **Tax Map: 274 Lot: 001:** (Supplemental Cut 19-357-19) on John Hodgdon Rd. Owner is Ossipee Aggregates; to cut 70 acres of 119 acres by Harold Cook of Greenleaf Products, Inc., no start date specified. Approved by the Board of Selectmen. Taxes are paid and No Cemetery.
- **Tax Map: 095 Lot: 011:** (Original Cut) on Route 16 and Pine River Rd. Owner is Sharon White; to cut 3.6 acres of 3.6 acres by Curtis White, anticipated start is March 10, 2020. Approved by the Board of Selectmen. Taxes are paid and No Cemetery.
- **Tax Map: 132 Lot: 006:** (Original Cut) on Route 171. Owner is Tim Eliopoulos; to cut 2.37 acres of 2.37 acres by Cole Boggs, anticipated start is March 15, 2020. Approved by the Board of Selectmen. Taxes are paid and No Cemetery.
- **Tax Map: 009 Lot: 017:** (Original Cut) on Route 16 and Ira's Lane. Owner is Patricia Murphy - McCarthy; to cut 30+/- acres of 40.85 acres by Stuart Bevin Stillwater Forestry, LLC, anticipated start is March 15, 2020. Approved by the Board of Selectmen. Taxes are paid and No Cemetery.
- **Tax Map: 038 Lot: 003 & Tax Map: 038 Lot: 008:** (Original Cut) Owner: Donald Meader of 1855 Route 16 , to cut 100 acres of 164 acres of land by Wadsworth Woodlands anticipated start date April 2020. Approved by the Board of Selectmen. Taxes are paid. No Cemetery.
- **Tax Map: 272 Lot: 051:** (Original Cut) Owner: Kristopher & Monique Miller- McCarthy of 243 Browns Ridge Rd., to cut 5 acres of 6.329 acres of land by Dale Crawford of Crawford Logging anticipated start date 04-01- 2020. Approved by the Board of Selectmen. Taxes are paid. Cemetery on property.
- **Tax Map: 231 Lot: 014:** (Original Cut) Owner: David Scripture of 3 Royal Circle Rd of Dorrs Corner Rd, to cut 1.23 acres of 1.23 acres of land by Brandon Valley, anticipated start date continuation from 04/15/2020. Approved by the Board of Selectmen. Taxes not paid - Bond paid. No Cemetery.

**Informational Newsletters:** The CC reviewed and had no concerns.

- **Case #20-2-BLA & Case #20-2-SUBD:** Northern Tire & Alignment and Four Investors Realty Trust of 1225 Route 16. Tax Map: 101 Lot: 008 & 009 is requesting a BLA & SUBD to separate the tire warehouse structure from the repair building to facilitate any future sales and it adjust the southerly boundary line with Four Investors Realty Trust so that the billboard lies on the tire warehouse lot. Along with Waivers from Section 9.05.P and 9.05.L.
- NH Land Trust Coalition: Conserving Your Land - Options for New Hampshire Landowners
- NHF&G – Wildlines, winter 2020
- Society for the Protection of NH Forest – Thank you
- GMCG – The Watershed News – Spring 2020
- Town & City – March/April 2020 publication

- Water World – March 2020 & April 2020
- NH Lakes - Spring 2020
- Society for the Protection of NH Forest – Forest Notes Spring 2020

**Any Other Business that May Come Before the Commission:**

Nash reported that she has printed a copy of “Conserving Your Land - Options for New Hampshire Landowners,” which helps to explain conservation easement process and if any of the members would like a copy, she would send it to them.

**Adjournment:**

A **Motion** made by Buchanan to adjourn the meeting. Dolan seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **All voted in favor, motion passed.** The meeting ended at 8:27 PM.

**Next meeting date: June 10, 2020**

Minutes approved by majority vote of the Commission on \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

_____ <b>Marie McConarty, Chairperson</b>	<b>or</b>	_____ <b>Ralph Buchanan, Vice Chairperson</b> <i>(In the absence of the Chairman)</i>
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