

**Town of Ossipee
Conservation Commission**

**January 7, 2015
7:00pm**

Attendance: Ron Adams, Bob Pratt, Donna Gridley, Ron Laravee, Ralph Buchanan

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: A motion by Mr. Buchanan to approve the November 12, 2014 meeting minutes passed 5-0.

Financial

Chairman Adams distributed the treasurer's report reflecting a balance of \$40,790.45.

MOTION: A motion by Mr. Laravee to approve the treasurer's report passed 5-0.

Chairman Adams reported research was done by the former Commission secretary regarding conservation properties in town that had been purchased through private donations. In 1996, the board of selectmen voted that all proceeds received from timbering these properties will be deposited in the conservation commission account. Chairman Adams is going to pursue this to make sure all monies owed to the conservation commission account have been properly disbursed.

Chairman Adams gave Mr. Buchanan a check to reimburse him for posts he purchased.

MOTION: A motion by Mr. Laravee to pay Town of Tamworth \$31 for conservation commission-owned property on Depot Road in Tamworth passed 5-0.

A letter was received thanking the Commission for the \$2,100 donation to Green Mountain Conservation Group's water-quality monitoring efforts. GMCG asks that the Commission consider a like donation in 2015.

An \$18 check was received for sale of stationary.

Applications

The Commission received and reviewed two Intent to Cut applications:

- Map 267/Lot 5-8 (Steve DeFranza, Browns Ridge Road)
- Map 138/Lot 5 (Tammy Badge, Lower Beacham Hill Road)

NH Department of Environmental Service (NHDES) approval has been granted for the creation of a 900-foot perched beach on Little Dan Hole Pond (Map 104/13).

The Commission received notice of work to be done on land owned by Lakefront Landing Condominium Association (Map 46/Lot 2) at 85 Pequawket Trail. The Association has applied for permission to build retaining walls on the existing boat basin, stabilize the bank, and maintenance dredging. The received materials do not require an approval signature from the Commission but the members agreed to send a letter of inquiry. Chairman Adams will write the letter to NH DES expressing that the Commission has no problem with the plan to stabilize the bank but would like to know if the materials being dredged are being tested, how those spoils will be transported, and where they will be deposited.

Committee Reports/Work

Chairman Adams presented a Town map that he has been working on color-coding to highlight all properties that are in current use, Commission-owned, and those with conservation easements. The members expressed appreciation for his effort. There was discussion about properties not currently in conservation that the members would like to pursue.

Old Business

GMCG will be pursuing an outdoor event application for an event to be held June 17, 2015 at the Windows on the Ossipees property. They plan to have a refreshment stand and information materials.

Chairman Adams reported on the status of the Sumner Brook property and the current tenant's wish to extend the lease that expires in 2019. Adams reported the matter was discussed at the January 5, 2015 selectmen's meeting. The tenants hope to pursue grants to install solar power equipment to offset the \$30-\$35,000/year electricity costs to run the fish hatchery. To qualify for income tax credits, the tenants are hoping to extend the lease to 2021. Currently available Federal and State grants expire in 2016. Adams reported the selectmen do not support putting the lease extension on this year's Town Meeting warrant.

New Business

Wendy Scribner of UNH Cooperative Extension will be presenting a Bug Talk at Ossipee Public Library in March 2015. The Commission plans to advertise this in February.

A thank-you card was signed and all members contributed to the purchase of a gift for Commission Secretary Patricia Jones who resigned last month.

Informational

The Commission received a delinquent payment notice for payment of dues. The dues, however, were paid in July and they were informed of the billing error.

Saving Special Places will hold its annual meeting Saturday, April 11 at J. Stark High School in Weare. All Commission members are invited.

The Tamworth Conservation Commission will be co-hosting a celebration of conservation efforts in that town on January 17, 2015 to include a snowshoe hike, hearty hors d'oeuvres, a guest speakers. The hike is scheduled for 1 p.m. at The Community School in South Tamworth.

Other Business

There was discussion about the walking trail on the County Complex. Chairman Adams will contact Wendy Scribner and County Commissioner David Babson to learn more about the status of their project.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Minutes approved by majority vote of the Board on _____

Ron Adams, Chairman