

**TOWN OF OSS�PEE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
September 22, 2022**

Minutes have been recorded for the convenience of summarization by Laura Nash, Planning Board Secretary and transcribed by Angela Eldridge and are deleted once minutes are approved; any amendments to the minutes are noted in ***bold & italic*** type.

Call to Order: Marie McConarty called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

Roll Call: Marie McConarty- Chair, Ralph Buchanan – Vice Chair was absent, Krystal Eldridge, and Angela Eldridge.

Guest: None

Meeting Minutes: Review to approve meeting minutes of June 8, 2022

A **Motion** by K. Eldridge to approve the meeting minutes of June 8, 2022, as submitted. Marie McConarty seconded. Ralph will sign upon his return. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion passed.**

Financials:

The Board discussed the expense report. McConarty advised that there is still \$19,000 out of the \$24,000 in the budget but that will change once the Dam Authority gets paid.

The Board received an invoice from Sager & Smith. L. Nash advised that it was the Town's invoice and not the Conservation Commissions. She advised that Sage seems to have the Conservation Commission as the default account on invoices.

The Board received a thank you email from NH Lakes for the donation of \$300.00.

The Board received a request from Lake Region Conservation Trust which encompasses the Ossipee Lake Alliance, The Berry Bay, and Green Mountain Conservation Group. M. McConarty made a motion to not pay this requested donation amount. K. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion passed.**

The board received the Long Sands annual donation of \$100.00. M. McConarty made a motion to accept and deposit into the checking account. K. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion passed.**

Old Business:

- **Windows on the Ossipee Mountains:**

- Landscaping project – McConarty advised that Buchanan has all the stuff to complete the project. She went and picked up trash but there is more trash down there again. She advised that this has become a real concern. The Board discussed possible signage to state that the facility is a carry in/carry out facility. K. Eldridge mentioned that it should be common sense to remove your trash. A. Eldridge mentioned that unfortunately signs may be necessary that state there could be possible fines if trash isn't removed. Discussion ensued. McConarty added that they could be put on the kiosk or where people enter the facility. There was also discussion over maybe adding cameras as well. The Board decided that we would need to discuss with the attorney before making that decision but discussed the many options available if they can go that route. A. Eldridge advised she would laminate some signs stating that it is a carry in/carry out facility. K. Eldridge

will purchase a camera in use sign. McConarty mentioned that we need to plan a clean-up day as the brush is starting to grow back. K. Eldridge advised that they may need to have a few trees removed as well. McConarty advised that they need to contact the Forester to obtain permission first. Nash asked if we clean the area near the picnic table. McConarty advised yes. K. Eldridge mentioned a company on Route 25 that does tree work for the State and said she will get more information and possible pricing when she sees him again. K. Eldridge also advised that we may have people who need community service hours that can possibly help with clean-up. Discussion ensued. There was discussion on the picnic table repair. McConarty would like to remove it and add benches. A. Eldridge advised that this may make it less likely for people to leave trash. Buchanon likes the idea of being able to sit and eat at the picnic table so further discussion will be had regarding this. McConarty advised that behind the kiosk needs to be cut and cleaned. Buchanon has advised that we can use hi account at Skehan's for lumber for the picnic table repair work. Discussion ensued.

There was a Wetlands Permit for 26 Channel Road to replace the retaining wall. McConarty signed this last week.

McConarty advised that 44 Danville Road needs shoreland permit. It will need to go through the State for Shoreland Protection paperwork. A letter was received that the application is complete for this.

New Business:

The Board received a Dredge & Fill Wetlands Permit for Ossipee Aggregates, Tax Map 266, Lot 010 to replace a culvert that has deteriorated. Permit is complete.

The Board received a Dredge & Fill Wetlands Permit to replace a 30-inch corrugated metal culvert and convert the existing truck climbing lane to a two-way left turn lane in the vicinity of Mount Shaw Road.

The Board received a violation for 11 Abbott Lane for trees that fell within the waterfront buffer and as a result the property does not appear to maintain the minimum point score and there is no record of permits being issued for the impacts observed. NHDES has issued a letter of compliance on August 22, 2022.

The Board received a Notification of Incomplete permit for 46 Long Sands. The application was denied for untimely response.

The Board received a possible violation for Maria Schiappa Russo of 35 Bay Point Road for having a dock installed within 20 feet of an abutting property without a permit. McConarty asked who is looking into this. Nash advised NHDES is.

The Board received an administrative review for 26 South Shore Road for an unapproved jet ski lift and replenish beach sand without permit. Also received a Disqualified Seasonal Dock Notification for Lakes and Ponds. Discussion ensued.

The Board received a letter of deficiency for 11 Connor Pond Road as there is no record of permits being issued for the impacts observed. There were concerns regarding a possible campground per McConarty. There are no permits on the property. It will be handled by NHDES.

There was a resident complaint regarding Map 107, Lot 053 for a possible violation of tree cutting and not having installed erosion control. Smith informed the owners that they needed Shoreland Permits to proceed further.

NHDOT:

NHDOT is replacing a 4x4 foot stone box culvert, which carries NH 16B over an un-named stream. McConarty asked if it was the one by Dana's house as that one makes her nervous. It was confirmed that it was. Discussion ensued.

Intent to Cut:

Tax Map: 053 Lot: 001: (original cut) on Route 16. Owner is Fred & Denise Schneider; to cut 10 of 15 acres. It has been approved by BOS. Taxes are paid and there are no cemeteries. McConarty asked what is going in there. K. Eldridge advised storage units and Nash advised that they have done an informal to possibly add a 2 bedroom and a single-family home. Discussion ensued.

Tax Map: 063 Lot: 011: (original cut) on Mountain Road. Owner is George Mackoul; to cut 15 of 69 acres. It has been approved by BOS. Taxes are paid and there is a cemetery. It has been approved by BOS.

Notices:

The Board received multiple notices including one from the Ossipee Lake Alliance regarding the Variance in Effingham for the gas station that was upheld by the judge but is still being contested. Brief discussion ensued.

Green Mountain Conservation Group has started the Saco Water Shed and wants Nash to provide a contact list of all Board members. All members declined to give their personal emails. She gave them the general Conservation Commission email address through the Town.

There was a letter regarding the Frenchman Brook Gravel Pit with complaints that Ossipee Aggregates could be potentially causing contamination at White Pond.

Next Meeting Date: October 12, 2022

The November meeting conflicts with the Budget Committee Meeting. CC meeting could be had at Main Street Building or the Town Hall. We will decide at the next meeting.

Any Other Business that May Come Before the Commission:

There was further discussion regarding the picnic table at the Windows of Ossipee. McConarty made a motion to get a sign stating that cameras are in use. A. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion passed.**

K. Eldridge asked if the property on Sawyer Road needs to be walked. McConarty said that she thinks it can be seen without walking it. K. Eldridge volunteered to walk it this fall and discussed it being State land but being posted for hunting. Discussion ensued.

McConarty advised that the Nichols Road property will need to walk this winter as well. Discussion ensued.

Adjournment:

A **Motion** made by McConarty to adjourn the meeting. K. Eldridge seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion passed.** The meeting ended at 8:00 PM.

Minutes approved by majority vote of the Commission on _____
Date

Marie McConarty, Chairman

or

Ralph Buchanan, Vice Chairman