

**TOWN OF OSS�PEE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
March 8, 2023**

Minutes have been recorded for the convenience of summarization by Laura Nash, Planning Board Secretary 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 7:00 PM.

Roll Call: Marie McConarty- Chair, and Krystal Eldridge

Late Arrival: Ralph Buchanan – Vice Chair,

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

A **Motion** by Eldridge to approve the meeting minutes of February 8, 2022. Marie McConarty seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion passed.**

Financials:

- **SPNHF:** Society for the Protection of NH Forests Annual Membership Renewal in the amount of \$150.00.

A **Motion** by McConarty to render payment in the amount of \$150.00, payable to the Society for the Protection of NH Forest for annual membership. K. Eldridge seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion passed.**

Buchanan arrived at 7:05 pm.

Old Business:

- ◆ **Beech River & Annie Nichols Rd Parking:** McConarty explained why the project was put on hold pending the outcome between the state Dam Authority and the owner of the Shutter Mill. The Conservation Commission has the plans to complete parking area for access to the walking trails and add a sign. The prior Public Works Director had offered to have the highway department do the work. Since there has been a change in personnel McConarty will speak with the new PW Director to get estimated cost for the work to be done and find out the status of the dam.
- ◆ **Town Forest Sign (Route 16):** the state is cutting trees way back on both side of Route 16, which emphasizes the sign the CC put up a couple years ago. McConarty will speak with TJ Eldridge as to the states intentions.
- ◆ **Windows on the Ossipee Mountains:**
 - Landscaping project – On Hold until Spring
 - Picnic table/bench repair - On Hold until Spring

McConarty the projects are on hold until snow melts. Buchanan suggested scheduling a work date at the next meeting in April for the work to be done at the Windows On The Ossipee Mountains which includes keeping the trees and brush at bay, trash pickup, repairs to the picnic tables, and a 3-sided enclosure for the port a potties. K. Eldridge has the wood needed to repair the picnic tables but needs to pick up lag bolts because most likely the existing ones are rusted in place. McConarty stated come spring, they'll get a bunch of volunteers to help with clean up.

Buchanan commented that a potential new member with carpentry experience has expressed interest in helping out with the Windows project.

New Business:

- Friends of Constitution Park Ossipee: McConarty explained the request from FOCP for a letter to Congressman Pappas and Senator Jeanne Shaheen for grant support from the Conservation Commission.

A **Motion** by Buchanan authorizing the secretary to send a letter of support for Friends of Constitution Park Ossipee to Congressman Pappas and Senator Jeanne Shaheen towards grant funding to repair/replace the Boardwalk Trail. Eldridge seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion passed.**

Notices:

- **NH Lakes:** Lakeside Quarterly Publication – Winter 2023

Any Other Business that May Come Before the Commission:

- Tamworth Property: McConarty inquired about the new person wanting to walk the property. McConarty will search here emails to find the woman's name. Discussion ensued about monitoring the property via a drone.
- Buchanan gave an update on the potential members who attended the meeting in January. Two potential members are not Ossipee residents yet, Gordon Pilotte is running a marathon in Tokyo and the one he's not sure of the status.
- Buchanan brought in an article about reclaiming trout ponds. The NH Fish & Game used to stock the ponds at Duncan Lake, Connor Pond, Bean Pond. It became controversial when the state began adding specific chemicals to the water thus killing off the native fish and insects. Then in the spring the state would stock the ponds with various fresh water trout's.

Next Meeting Date: April 12, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Freight House

Adjournment:

A **Motion** made by K. Eldridge to adjourn the meeting. McConarty seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion passed.** The meeting ended at 7:38 PM.

Minutes approved by majority vote of the Commission on _____
Date

Marie McConarty, Chairman

or

Ralph Buchanan, Vice Chairman