

# CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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February 8, 2017

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:** Chairman - **Ron Adams** called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

**Attendee's:** Ron Adams - Chairman, Ron Larrivee, Bruce Parson and Tim Otterbach. **Late:** Ralph Buchanan at 7:05 PM and Donna Gridley - Vice-Chairperson at 7:21 PM.

### **Guest:**

- Bob Boyd, Ossipee Timber Monitor: Spoke of his current duties of inspections, enforcement and education responsibilities as Timber Monitor. But also utilizes his previous experience as a Forest Ranger when inspecting Intent to Cuts and logging operations. Boyd referred to RSA 227 – J: 10 for Timber Harvesting Laws, RSA 482 & 485 for Wetland Laws and RSA 79 for Timber Taxation Laws when addressing questions of slash laws. Boyd noted the NH Corporative County Extension and Forest Protection Bureau for list of loggers. Boyd **highly recommends** researching potential loggers, asking for references and do site visits before hiring a logging company.
- Corey Lane and GMCG to help with finding a college student for the Lake Host Program. Coverage is needed Friday – Sunday from Memorial Day through roughly Labor Day. The Boat ramp construction anticipated completion is for Memorial Day. The size of the kiosk is to be large enough to accommodate information from OCC and GMCG. Tim O. suggested having some sort of shelter, shack, umbrella or canopy for shelter for the Lake Host Intern.
- Andy Northrop, Scout Master for Boy Scout Troop 234 – Has Scouts arriving from the UK, age range from 12 – 14 ½ , for shelter building in snow with over-night camping. Northrop is looking for suggestions of where to find huge piles of snow for building igloos and snow forts. The CC offered several suggestions and Northrop is to contact the suggested locations.

**Minutes:** Review to approve previous Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2017.

**Motion** by Ron L., seconded by Bruce P., to accept meeting minutes of January 11, 2017 as written.

**All voted in favor, motion passed.**

**Financial:** (Ron A., presented to the CC)

- Checking \$ 3,634.06
- Money Market - \$ 53,791.49
- Budget Report – n/a
- NH Assoc. of CC – Membership renewal \$333.00 **Motion** by Donna G., seconded by Tim O., to renew membership to NH Association of Conservation Commissions. No further discussion. **All voted in favor, motion passed.**

**Intent to Cut:** (Ron A., presented to the CC)

- Tax Map: 264 Lot: 21, on Granite Rd. owner D&K Properties, LLC. C/o Nick Laganas, to cut 16 acres of 16 acres by Western Maine Timberlands, Inc. Taxes are paid and no cemetery on the property.
- Tax Map: 65 Lot: 1, on Route 16. owner Diversified Resources Corp. to cut 30 acres of 30 acres by Wadsworth Woodlands, Inc. Taxes are paid and no cemetery on the property.
- Tax Map: 139 Lot: 17, 45 Pork Hill Rd., owner Paul Swegel to cut 3 acres of 33 acre lot by Cole Bogs. Taxes are paid and no cemetery on the property.
- Tax Map: 261 Lot: 20, on Granite Rd. owner Sharon Johnson, to cut 48 acres of 48 acres by Marc Greaney of Western Maine Timberlands, Inc. Taxes are paid and no cemetery on the property.

#### **DES Notices:** (Ron A., presented to the CC)

- **Shoreland Impact Permit:** None received
- **Land Resource Management:** None Received
- **Wetlands & Non-site specific Permit:**
  - Gillette Property: Request forwarded to Bob Gillette to respond to Rebecca Martin at NHDOT concerning Geraldine D. Smith Conservation Easement.
  - Wetlands & Non-site specific Permit:
    1. Follow up on NHDES 2016-01620, Valley/Gile Rd. Dan Hole River - McFarland case is being heard on 02/14/2017, ZBA meeting.

#### **New Business:**

- Annual Report: Ron A. submitted write up to Ellen White for submission to Town Report.
- Wildlife Study by Van de Poll - Dept. Revenue Admin – First phase report 2.5.17 – Ron A. read report to members. DRA has approved and will return in the spring.
- Get Wild: Ron A. received email from Jess Cole about planning and suggested July 8<sup>th</sup> for next event with similar format.
- Next CC meeting date – Josh Arnold has the GALA event scheduled for March 8<sup>th</sup>. After discussion, the next CC meeting will be March 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Old Business:**

- Build-Out Study: Town voted down the offer from Dan Hole Pond Watershed Trust. DHPWST raised the money, will do the build-out study itself, and will make it available to whoever is interested in the report.
- PB update: Tim O. reported Hobbs was present for getting Outdoor Event criteria's and needs to apply for a Site Plan Review. Valley Point project continued to next meeting because of snow storm and abutter's not able to attend due to weather. Tim O. raised the question if the CC has reviewed the plan knowing Valley Point wants to build on the aquifer and would be in strict violation of Zoning Ordinance Article XX – Water Resource Protection Districts. It was explained to Tim O. that's what a Variance or Special Exception is for, is to supersede the Zoning Ordinance. It was also noted the State has strict Regulations on tank, valves, and fill levels etc.... specifications. Ralph noted when he owned a gas station the government came out with MBTE to reduce smog but it later determined if leached into the ground there was an increase of carcinogenic.
- EDC update: None
- Beech River Property management plans – Ron A. contacted Jim Rines of White Mtn. Survey & Engineering, Inc. about putting in a parking area. Donna G. suggested a (4) car parking area. Discussion and review of map ensued. Ron A. to contact Jim Rines to discuss possibilities, cost figures and need of wetland permit.
- F & G 1.23.17 – Boat Ramp: Ron L. watched Selectmen meetings.

- F & G school programs: Ron A. spoke with Assistant Principal and sent information to be sent teachers of grades 3 - 6.

**Informational:**

- Corey's slide presentation
- NH Department of Transportation – Notice of Public Hearing
- NH Town and City – Jan/Feb 2017 publication
- NH F&G Wild lines – Winter 2017 edition

**Other Business:**

- Ron L. spoke with a gentleman who is interested in the old water wheel planter at Shutters Mill. Gave Ron A. the gentleman's business card.

- Ron L. spoke with a friend from Granite Rd., who belongs to the Garden Club and asked if the Garden Club would be interested in taking over the gardening at the Windows on the Ossipee. Unfortunately, the Garden Club is lacking membership and would not be able to take on another project at this time.

Ron L suggested promoting some positive advertising with signs or newspaper write ups to educate the public on the positive outlook of the Conservation Commission. Ron A. to contact Mellisa Seamans of the Carroll County Independent.

**Adjourn:**

**Motion** by Donna G., seconded by Tim O., to adjourn the meeting. **All in favor, motion passed.**  
The meeting ended at 9:18 PM.

**Next meeting date: Wednesday, March 9, 2017**

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

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**Ron Adams, Chairman**