

TOWN OF OSSIPEE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 2019

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: Ralph Buchanan called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Roll Call: Ralph Buchanan, Tim Otterbach, James Dolan and Lorey Pendarvis

Absent: Joe Deighan – Chairman, and Marie McConarty – Vice Chair,

Meeting Minutes: Review to approve January 9, 2019 Minutes

A **Motion** by Otterbach to accept the meeting minutes of January 9, 2019, as submitted. Dolan seconded. No discussion. All voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

Membership: Tim Otterbach (2019), 1 – Vacant Position, and 2 – Alternate Positions Vacant

A **Motion** by Buchanan the Conservation Commission recommends that the Board of Selectmen to reappoint Timothy Otterbach to the Conservation Commission for a three year term. Pendarvis seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion passed.**

Financial:

- Budget Report: 2018 Year End Report was reviewed and questions addressed.

Discussion ensued concerning GMCG and funding for the Water Quality testing for Ossipee Lake. Dolan questioned if someone from GMCG could attend the town meeting and let the voters decide.

Unfinished Business:

- **CC Property Signs:** Otterbach has made to two more ovals but has not been able to contact the scenic painter. Buchanan has been in contact with Sign One about making the sign for the Window on the Ossipee Mtns. The letters will be block style, the inset will be painted a golden yellow, and the cost will be \$575.00 per sign. Discussion continued on the specific detail.

A **Motion** by Otterbach to have Sign One start making the first trail sign for the “Window on the Ossipee Mtns.” Dolan seconded. No further discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion passed.**

- **Scenic Vista/Windows on the Ossipee Clean-up:** Buchanan noted AJ will start work in the spring. Otterbach spoke with Bob Pratt from Dan Hole Pond Watershed Trust and Brian from Land Tech Surveying about having the property resurveyed, laying out the 250 ft. boundary and pinning, as a means of satisfying the terms of the conservation easement. Otterbach suggest contracting with Land Tech to have the property resurveyed.
- **Old Mill Site on Beech River & Annie Nichols Rd Parking:** The secretary spoke with E. White about the retainer funds request from the CC for White Mtn Survey & Engineering of the \$500.00 the go ahead to start the work. Per the conversation with E. White, the Town normally does not issue funds for a retainer of service. The secretary forewarned of over extended the budget to have this project done and the resurveying the window’s property. The CC requests Joe Deighan to speak with the Board of Selectmen and White Mtn. Survey & Engineering to proceed with work at the Beech River site.

New Business:

- Lake Host Program: Otterbach suggest the CC speak with Jim McElroy about placing ad as soon as possible to seek a Lake Host for this summer. College students will be starting to look for summer jobs very soon, since they get out of school mid-May.

Lake Host fund account was discussed and everyone is up to date on the funding process per conversation with Krystal Costa, Conservation Program Coordinator, at NH LAKES.

Otterbach suggested having Jim McElroy and/or Jim Fitzpatrick attend the March meeting to do a presentation of the Lake Host program.

A **Motion** by Buchanan to reschedule the March Conservation Commission meeting from March 13th to March 20th, as to not conflict with the Ossipee Annual Town Meeting. Otterbach seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion passed.**

Intent to Cut: The Committee members read and reviewed the following Intent to Cuts.

- **Tax Map: 277 Lot: 004 and Tax Map: 278 Lot: 001:** (Supplemental Cut) on Browns Ridge Rd. Owner is Arnold Martel, to cut 109.1 acres of 109.1 acres by John Wadsworth of Wadsworth Woodlands, Inc., anticipated start date is September 2018. Approved by the Board of Selectmen. Taxes are paid and Cemetery on Tax Map 277 Lot: 004.
- **Tax Map: 264 Lot: 017:** (Original Cut) on Foggs Ridge Rd. Owner is Carol Gartland, to cut 6 acres of 7.1 acres by Michael Eldridge of Eldridge Logging, anticipated start date is 01/28/2019. Approved by the Board of Selectmen. Taxes are paid and No Cemetery.
- **Tax Map: 248 Lot: 010:** (Original Cut) on Effingham Rd. Owner is Scott & Isabelle Downing, to cut 14 acres of 16.518 acres by Cole Boggs, anticipated start date is 02/05/2019. Approved by the Board of Selectmen. Taxes are paid and No Cemetery.
- **Tax Map: 248 Lot: 010 Sub: 1:** (Original Cut) on Effingham Rd. Owner is Karen Downing, to cut 14 acres of 17.893 acres by Cole Boggs, anticipated start date is unknown. Approved by the Board of Selectmen. Taxes are paid and No Cemetery.
- **Tax Map: 248 Lot: 008:** (Original Cut) on Effingham Rd. Owner is Shelley Jarl, to cut 30 acres of 54 acres by Michelle Edmunds of Edmunds Logging and Trucking, anticipated start date is 02/13/2019. Approved by the Board of Selectmen. Taxes are paid and No Cemetery.

Informational Newsletters:

- The Watershed News – Winter 2019
- Meet the Candidates: March 4, 2019 at 6:30pm at the Town Hall. Discussion on the candidates running for each position ensued.

Any Other Business that May Come Before the Commission:

- Otterbach speak with Jim Fitzpatrick and/or Jim McElroy to invite them to the March 20th meeting to start talking and setting up the 2019 Lake Host.
- Otterbach returned the conservation markers for trail signs.
- Discussion on where and when to put up the sign at the “Window on the Ossipee Mountains.”

Adjournment:

A **Motion** made by Dolan to adjourn the meeting. Pendarvis seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **All voted in favor, motion passed.** The meeting ended at 7:55 PM.

Next meeting date: March 20, 2019

Minutes approved by majority vote of the Commission on _____
Date

Ralph Buchanan