

TOWN OF OSSIPPEE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

December 11, 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: Marie McConarty called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call: Marie McConarty – Chair, Ralph Buchanan – Vice-Chairman, James Dolan, and Lorey Pendarvis. Absent were: Joe Deighan and Krystal Eldridge.

Meeting Minutes: Review to approve September 11, 2019 Minutes & October 10, 2019 Notes.

A **Motion** by Buchanan to approve the meeting minutes of September 11, 2019, as submitted. McConarty seconded. No discussion. All others vote was taken. **Motion passed.**

McConarty acknowledge the notification the on October 10, 2019, Joe Deighan and James Dolan were present but without a quorum, no meeting took place.

Financial:

- Budget Report: 09/01/2019 through 11/30/2019 were reviewed and acknowledged there is 27% of the budget remaining with only two weeks left of the year.
- Checking Acct: Balance \$ N/A
- Money Market Acct: Balance \$ 61,747.98
- Sign One/Shabtown Signs invoice \$430.00

A **Motion** by Dolan to approve payment in the amount of \$430.00 to Sign One/Shabtown Signs. Pendarvis seconded. No discussion. All others vote was taken. **Motion passed.**

- Ralph Buchanan reimbursement of \$379.85 for construction material for new sign at Town Forest.

A **Motion** by Pendarvis to reimburse Ralph Buchanan in the amount of \$379.85 for construction material for new sign at the Town Forest. Dolan seconded. No discussion. All others vote was taken. **Motion passed.**

- NH Association of Conservation Commissions – Annual Membership Renewal \$325.00

A **Motion** by Dolan to approve payment in the amount of \$325.00 to NH Association of Conservation Commissions – Annual Membership Renewal. Pendarvis seconded. No discussion. All others vote was taken. **Motion passed.**

- Tamworth Property Assessment & Tax Bill \$60.00

A **Motion** by Buchanan to approve payment in the amount of \$60.00 to the Town of Tamworth for 2019 Property Taxes. Pendarvis seconded. No discussion. All others vote was taken. **Motion passed.**

- White Mtn Survey & Eng., Inc. – Annie Nichols Rd – Survey invoice \$2,479.25

Discussion and review of the plans ensued. McConarty noted they used to have an agreement with the former Highway Director for doing the labor work on this project. But since he is no longer with the

town...the Conservation Commission is unsure of the status with this project and due to the time of year. It won't happen until springtime. In the meantime, McConarty will speak with the Selectmen to see if they will honor the prior agreement.

A **Motion** by Dolan to approve payment in the amount of \$2,479.25 to White Mtn Survey & Engineering, Inc. for surveying and designs of parking spaces at Annie Nichols Rd for trail hikers. Buchanan seconded. No discussion. All others vote was taken. **Motion passed.**

- White Mtn Survey & Eng., Inc. – Annie Nichols Rd – Shoreland Permit Application invoice
\$1,565.20

A **Motion** by Dolan to approve payment in the amount of \$1565.20 to White Mtn Survey & Engineering, Inc. for Shoreland Permit Application for the Annie Nichols Rd project. Buchanan seconded. No discussion. All others vote was taken. **Motion passed.**

Old Business:

- Sign Project: Town Forest – Buchanan reported he has the material for the framework, the carved boards by Sign One, the painted center circle and Tim Otterbach is going to help Buchanan construct the framework. Once done Buchanan and the remaining CC will help paint and install.
- Beech River & Annie Nichols Rd Parking: White Mountain Survey & Engineering, Inc. has surveyed and designed the parking area. McConarty noted they used to have an agreement with the former Highway Director for doing the labor work on this project. But since he is no longer with the town...the Conservation Commission is unsure of the status with this project and due to the time of year. It won't happen until springtime. In the meantime, McConarty will speak with the Selectmen to see if they will honor the prior agreement.

New Business:

- Lake Host Program: McConarty explained her discussion with the Budget Committee denying the funding through the operating budget and that the CC needs to apply for funding of the \$4,000.00 for the Lake Host program, this year under a Warrant Article and next year they can apply as an Outside Agency.
- NH Tree Farm Program: Buchanan is to contact Bob Boyd to make arrangements for the Town Forest to have timbers cut to maintain a healthy forest.

Intent to Cut: Conservation Commission members reviewed and discussed.

- **Tax Map: 274 Lot: 001:** (Original Cut) on Hodgdon Rd. Owner is Donald Hayward of Ossipee Aggregates; to cut 70 acres of 119 acres by Harold Cook – Greenleaf Products, Inc., anticipated start date is late fall. Approved by the Board of Selectmen. Taxes are paid and No Cemetery on property.
- **Tax Map: 264 Lot: 008:** (Original Cut) on Granite Rd. Owner is Scott Pike; to cut 7 acres of 10 acres by Carl Eldridge, Center Ossipee anticipated start date is 11/15/2019. Approved by the Board of Selectmen. Taxes are paid and No Cemetery on property.
- **Tax Map: 056 Lot: 006:** (Original Cut) on 20 Mountain Ridge Rd. Owner is Patrick & Colleen Shannon; to cut 6 acres of 29.5 acres by Perley Ryder, West Ossipee anticipated start date is Not Listed. Approved by the Board of Selectmen. Taxes are paid and No Cemetery on property.

NHDES Notices:

Nash explained the new NHDES rules going into effect on December 15, 2019 pertaining to Wetland and Shoreland permitting. NHDES will now immediately deny an application if it is incomplete and the applicant will have to re-apply and repay application fees. The Conservation Commission must inspect a site before signing the application. Discussion ensued on different scenarios.

- Wetlands Permit:
- File No. 2018-03477 – Ossipee Aggregates Corporation; Tax Map: 130 Lot: 10 for Culvert replacement Project on Access Rd over Frenchman’s Brook at Sand/Gravel Operation.
- Wetlands Application:
- Elaine Nolan – 107 Pequawket Trail, Tax Map: 046 Lot: 005 Provide and install erosion control measures using silt fence and filter sock. Replace, in kind, 295 sq. ft. old railroad tie retaining wall with segmented concrete block material. Wall to be backfilled and underlaid with crushed stone material with a heavy-duty landscape filter fabric covering the drainage.

Informational Newsletters:

- NHDES – Supply Lines with the Source
- NHACC – 49th Annual Meeting & Conference – November 2, 2019
- 2019 Woodlands Owners & Enthusiasts Survey
- Forest Notes – Annual Report
- NH Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC) – New publication of “Trails for People and Wildlife” handbook.
- NHF&G – Wildlines – Fall 2019
- GMCG – any updates for newsletter – no updates

Any Other Business that May Come Before the Commission:

McConarty addressed an issue with 12 South Shore Rd. The homeowner has built a home and paved a driveway out into and partly on the Town road. The driveway paving was not part of the original plans submitted for approval. The water runoff is going to flow straight down the driveway and into the Ossipee Lake. The Zoning Enforcement Officer is aware of the situation and has contacted the State.

Adjournment:

A **Motion** made by Pendarvis to adjourn the meeting. Buchanan seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **All voted in favor, motion passed.** The meeting ended at 8:02 PM.

Next meeting date: January 14, 2020

Minutes approved by majority vote of the Commission on _____

Date

or

Marie McConarty, Chairperson

Ralph Buchanan, Vice Chairperson
(In the absence of the Chairman)