

TOWN OF OSSIPEE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2020

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, Lorey Pendarvis and Krystal Eldridge.

Absent were: Ralph Buchanan, James Dolan, and Joe Deighan.

McConarty read a letter received on 01/08/2020 from Joe Deighan resigning from his position on the Conservation Commission.

A **Motion** by Pendarvis to accept Joe Deighan's letter of resignation from the Conservation Commission and to send him a letter thanking him for his service. Eldridge seconded. No discussion. All voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

Meeting Minutes: Review to approve December 11, 2019 Minutes.

Eldridge noted she was not in attendance at the December 11, 2019 meeting. Corrections were made to reflect the correct attendees, **“Roll Call: Marie McConarty – Chair, Ralph Buchanan – Vice-Chairman, James Dolan, and Lorey Pendarvis. Absent were: Joe Deighan *and Krystal Eldridge.*”**

A **Motion** by Pendarvis to approve the meeting minutes of December 11, 2019, as amended. McConarty seconded. No discussion. Eldridge abstained. All others voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

Guest: Ned Kucera of Freedom Tri-Town Committee for the Lake Host Program. Kucera gave an update on the Lake Host program going into 2020 season. In 2019, Ossipee paid \$3,750.00 into the program. They received a Payroll Grant Funds Award for Hourly Pay in the amount of \$2,500.00, NH Lakes Funds contributions for Ossipee was \$2,716.00 and Freedom was \$4,220.00, Funds rolled over from 2018 was \$2,190.76 for a total amount of \$11,626.76. Total amount expensed for Lake Host hourly pay was \$7,194.00, thus leaving a balance of \$3,428.66 which NH Lakes will hold towards the 2020 Lake Host Program. Ossipee paid \$3,750.00 into the program. Submitted maps showing areas of infestations of variable milfoil, and Eurasian milfoil, with some being found at the Westward Shores area. Other species moving into the lakes are fanwort, water chestnut, and Chinese mystery snails have been found in Sebago Lake. They had 3 – Lake Host stationed at the Pine River, Ossipee Marina and Lord Landing for a total of 51 hours worked. For 2020, their looking for \$3,500.00 each from Ossipee and Freedom, and anyone interested in becoming a Lake Host can contact Jim McElroy or Ned Kucera at 603-539-5492 or via email jbmcelroysr@earthlink.net.

McConarty explained her discussion with the Budget Committee denying the funding through the operating budget and that the CC needs to apply for funding either through a Warrant Article or apply as an Outside Agency. McConarty conveyed some concerns from the Budget Committee that some of the transferring of invasive species is coming from the bass fishermen that are lake hopping. Since, there are no host at the boat ramp at 5:00 AM, when their launching their boats. Ned Kucera was asked to attend the Town Meeting for possibly getting it passed on the floor and was informed of the budget committee meeting taking place tomorrow night. Westward Shores contact information will be provided to Kucera for in the hopes of positioning a Lake Host at the boat ramps at Westward Shores.

Financial:

- Budget Report: 12/01/2019 – 12/31/2019 was reviewed and noted to have 3.91% remaining.
- White Mtn Survey & Eng., Inc. – Annie Nichols Rd – Survey invoice \$2,479.25 will be resubmitted for payment processing.
- White Mtn Survey & Eng., Inc. – Annie Nichols Rd – Survey invoice #19038 - \$1317.25 will be resubmitted for payment processing.

A **Motion** by McConarty to transfer \$5,000.00 from the money market account to the Conservation checking account to pay invoices from White Mtn Survey & Eng., Inc., as listed above. Pendarvis seconded. No discussion. All unanimous vote was taken. **Motion passed.**

- American Forest Foundation – donation request - pending information from Buchanan and will address at the next meeting.

Old Business:

- Sign Project: Town Forest – Status quo, pending information from Buchanan and will address at the next meeting.
- Beech River & Annie Nichols Rd Parking: Status quo pending Spring.

New Business:

- Lake Host Program: discussed earlier.
- NH Tree Farm Program: Status quo, pending an update from Buchanan's conversation with the forester.

Intent to Cut: Conservation Commission members reviewed and discussed.

- **Tax Map: 000 Lot: 000:** (Original Cut) on NH Route 16, Route 28, Isaac Buswell Rd, and Others for NH State Project Route 16 per files; to cut 1.2 acres of unknown acreage of land by M. Peter Henk, Treasurer for John Brown & Sons, Inc., anticipated start date 12/18/2019. Approved by the Board of Selectmen. Taxes are paid.
- **Tax Map: 057 Lot: 002:** (Original Cut) on Chapel Rd. Owner is David L. Mitchell & Winifred G. Mitchell; to cut 4 acres of 38.950 acres by Perley Ryder, anticipated start date 12/20/2019. Approved by the Board of Selectmen. Taxes are paid and No Cemetery on property.
- **Tax Map: 231 Lot: 011:** (Original Cut) on Dorrs Corner Rd. Owner: Elizabeth Bultman, Trustee to cut +/- 10 acres of 12.11 acres of land by Richard Gerard of Ossipee Mountain Land Company with anticipated start date January. Approved by the Board of Selectmen. Taxes are paid.

Informational Newsletters:

- Dan Hole Pond Watershed Trust – Winter 2019 Newsletter
- Water World – December 2019
- NHDES: Supply Lines with the Source
- NH Town & City – Jan/Feb 2020

Any Other Business that May Come Before the Commission:

Dana Simpson had contacted the Conservation Commission about possibly putting his property in conservation land. The CC discussed the options and other conservation organizations that maybe interested.

Site Walk Properties: Discussion ensued over the Sawyer Rd., Nichols Rd., Tamworth, and Windows on the Ossipee properties which need to be walked, cleaned up and/or boundaries tagged. Sawyer Rd and Nichols Rd files were pulled to review the property maps.

2020 Terms Expiration: McConarty, Buchanan and Deighan terms expire this year. Deighan just resigned so his position is open. Recommendations will be discussed at the next meeting.

Adjournment:

A **Motion** made by Pendarvis to adjourn the meeting. Eldridge seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **All voted in favor, motion passed.** The meeting ended at 7:53 PM.

Next meeting date: February 12, 2020

Minutes approved by majority vote of the Commission on _____
Date

Marie McConarty, Chairperson

or

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