

TOWN OF OSS�PEE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

October 14, 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, Ralph Buchanan, James Dolan, Krystal Eldridge and Lorey Pendarvis

Guest: Gordon Pilotte and Robert Andrea

Meeting Minutes: Review to approve August 12, 2020 Minutes

A **Motion** by Pendarvis to approve the meeting minutes of August 12, 2020 Minutes as submitted. Buchanan seconded. No discussion. All others voted in favor. Eldridge abstained since she was not present for that meeting. **Motion passed.**

Financial:

- 2020 – 2021 Proposed Budget

The CC discussed changes to the proposed budget. McConarty informed the committee about an email communication from Ned Kucera of the Lake Host Program informing the committee how he is not able to apply for Town funding through the outside agency process since it's not a 501C 3 program. The committee discussed options for funding. After discussion, they decided to replace the water quality testing line item with the Lake Host Program. Funding for this year will \$2,500.00.

A **Motion** by Buchanan to approve adding the Lake Host Program to the Conservation Commission budget as a line item with funding in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the 2021 proposed budget and funding is not to come out of the Conservation Money Market account. Eldridge seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion Passed.**

- NHACC – Annual Membership renewal of \$325.00

A **Motion** by Buchanan to approve the expense in the amount of \$325.00 for the annual membership to NHACC – NH Association of Conservation Commissions. Dolan seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion passed.**

- Lake Host – 2021 season is \$2,500 – already discussed under 2021 proposed budget.
- NHMA – Letter of explanation for the difference between a Fund Balance vs. Cash Balance.

Old Business:

- Town Forest Sign Project: McConarty stated this project is done.
- Beech River & Annie Nichols Rd Parking: McConarty is speak with TJ Eldridge, Public Works Director on the proposal of the highway department doing the work for the parking area. Discussion included the possible donation of materials.

New Business:

- Angelini Borrow Pit: Buchanan brought letters of concerns from the residents of Duncan Lake Rd. of noise, dust, wildlife and turtle crossings, nesting loons, nesting bald eagles, and osprey. Buchanan noted

the Conservation Commission concerns would be anything having to do with conservation. He also noted a concern for the Red Brook flows through the existing gravel pit and into the new proposed gravel pit and from here it flows into Pine River. The last issue is the wildlife corridor implemented 7-8 years ago that crosses Duncan Lake Rd. Even though the excavation will take place in Effingham, the Red Brook flows through the gravel pit and would be a concern for the Conservation Commission. Discussion ensued over maintenance of the road and the flow of the Red Brook.

Gordon Pilotte of 59 Duncan Lake Rd. and Robert Andrea of 97 Duncan Lake Rd. Buchanan recapped his discussion of the letters received and the potential impact from the proposed gravel pit. Mr. Pilotte and Mr. Andrea expressed safety concerns for the people that walk Duncan Lake Rd, the amount of dust, noise, etc... Discussion over alternative road access in Effingham verses Ossipee ensued.

Discussion included the Board of Selectmen will discuss at their meeting on Monday, October 19th, 2020, the impact to Town Budget for maintenance of Duncan Lake Rd. with the potential increase of trucks on the road. The Planning Board is having a public hearing on Tuesday, October 20th, 2020 for the application submitted from White Mountain Survey and Engineering, Inc on the Angelini Borrow Pit.

The secretary was instructed to submit the letters to the Planning Board for consideration.

A **Motion** by Buchanan to send a letter to the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board expressing the concern of Conservation Commission about the impact on the Red Brook that flows from the Red Brook Swamp to the Pine River. The Conservation Commission is also concerned about the noise and dust impact affecting the nesting Eagles, Loons, Osprey, large turtles, and other animals in the wildlife corridor that crosses Duncan Lake Rd. The Conservation Commission suggest reconsidering an alternative access at the end of Elm Street Extension where there are currently 4 - big boulders blocking the entrance or creating an access in Effingham. The Conservation Commission would recommend the Board of Selectmen and the Town Planning Board reconsider potentially not allowing access to yet another gravel pit.

McConarty seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

NHDES/NHDOT: The CC reviewed and acknowledged receipt of the notice.

Wetlands Permits #2018-01321 – Approved with Conditions for Weetamoe Shores Condominium Association, Tax Map: 066 Lot: 031

Wetlands Permits Notification- Antonio and Dianne Vitale of 28 Channel Rd. Tax Map: 021 Lot: 002 is seeking approval from Ossipee Conservation Commission for a zero-impact repair of a retaining wall. By replacing skim-coated failing cedar wall block with new STR retaining wall blocks. The Board reviewed the application.

A **Motion** by Buchanan to approve the application for **Wetlands Permits Notification-** Antonio and Dianne Vitale of 28 Channel Rd. Tax Map: 021 Lot: 002 with no comments or concerns. Dolan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Intent to Cut:

- **Tax Map: 228 Lot: 018, Tax Map: 223 Lot: 005 & Tax Map: 223 Lot: 006:** (Original Cut) on Blake Hill Rd. Owner is Harry & Donna Chick; to cut 22 acres of 27.54 acres by James E. Mullon anticipated start date is August 18, 2020. Approved by the Board of Selectmen. Taxes are paid and Cemetery on property.

McConarty commented that 3-new driveways have been put in on Blake Hill that are very steep causing water to washout the roads every time it rains.

- **Tax Map: 111 Lot: 002:** (Original Cut) on Elm Street. Owner is Jeannette M. Fernald; to cut 2 acres of 2.65 acres by M.H. Humphrey & Sons anticipated start date is September 5, 2020. Approved by the Board of Selectmen. Taxes are paid and No Cemetery on property.

- **Tax Map: 062 Lot: 037:** (Original Cut) on Ossipee Mtn Rd. Owner is Michael Kaufman; to cut 1 acre of 1 acre by Cameron Kenny anticipated start date is September 1, 2020. Approved by the Board of Selectmen. Taxes are paid and No Cemetery on property.
- **Tax Map: 111 Lot: 001:** (Original Cut) on Elm Street. Owner is Joe Duchesne; to cut 0.5 acre of 1.4 acres by M.H. Humphrey & Sons anticipated start date is September 15, 2020. Approved by the Board of Selectmen. Taxes are paid.

Notices:

Monday, October 19, 2020 - 4:30 PM: 2021 Proposed Budget to meet with the Board of Selectmen

Wednesday, October 21, 2020 - 6:30 PM: 2021 Proposed Budget to meet with the Budget Committee

Informational Newsletters:

- Lakes Region Conservation Trust: The Legacy - Summer 2020
- Supply Lines with The Source – Summer 2020
- The Watershed News – Fall 2020
- GMCG – Invitation to Annual Business Meeting

Master Plan: Chapter 2, 3, 4, and 5 for revision by the Conservation Commission.

- The CC received a letter and chapters 2,3,4, and 5 for review from the Planning Board. McConarty will review chapter 2, Buchanan will review chapter 3, Dolan will review chapter 4, and Eldridge will review chapter 5 for the next meeting on November 11th, 2020.

Next Meeting date: **November 14, 2020**

Any Other Business that May Come Before the Commission:

McConarty discussed the conservation infringement's taking place at 60 Long Sands Rd. She noted trees had been cut, power lines placed, a camper was set on the lot and now the property is up for sale at \$500,000.00.

Adjournment:

A **Motion** made by Buchanan to adjourn the meeting. Dolan seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **All voted in favor, motion passed.** The meeting ended at 8:25 PM.

Minutes approved by majority vote of the Commission on _____
Date

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Marie McConarty, Chairperson		Ralph Buchanan, Vice Chairperson <i>(In the absence of the Chairman)</i>