

**TOWN OF OSSIPEE  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

March 17, 2021

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 7:01 PM.

**Roll Call:** Marie McConarty – Chair, Ralph Buchanan, and James Dolan,

**Absent:** Krystal Eldridge and Lorey Pendarvis

**Election of Chairman:**

A **Motion** by Buchanan to nominate Marie McConarty as Chairman for the Conservation Commission. Dolan seconded. McConarty accepted the nomination. No further discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion passed.**

**Election of Vice-Chairman:**

A **Motion** by Dolan to nominate Ralph Buchanan as Vice-Chairman for the Conservation Commission. McConarty seconded. Buchanan accepted the nomination. No further discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion passed.**

**Reappointments:** Lorey Pendarvis & James Dolan

Dolan requested to be finished with the Conservation Commission and Marie McConarty stated that Lorey Pendarvis would also like to be through.

**Discussion:** A brief discussion on how to get more people to be on the Conservation Commission took place. Nash will request of the Town Administrator to add something to the Town's website.

**Meeting Minutes:** Review to approve February 10, 2021 Minutes

A **Motion** by Buchanan to approve the meeting minutes of February 10, 2021 as submitted. Dolan seconded. No discussion. All others voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

**Financial:**

- Society for the Protection of NH Forest – Annual Membership of \$150.00

A thank you letter was received from the Society for the Protection of NH Forest for the Annual Membership of \$150.00.

- Budget Reports:

The commission requested to receive the budget reports again. Nash stated she has already requested it from Matt Sawyer, Jr.

**Old Business:**

- Beech River & Annie Nichols Rd Parking: On Hold

**New Business:**

- Windows on the Ossipee Mountains:

- NHDOT Project Ossipee 41251 – Ossipee Scenic Outlook question of whether it will impact the 254ft. frontage easement on the property. Discussion on the work to be done ensued. Dolan asked if Buchanan would be the point man on keeping the CC abreast of the work and any impact to the frontage of the property. Buchanan will contact Rebecca Martin at NHDOT.

- Plan to record – Buchanan contacted Bryan Berling of Land Tech, who stated he had provided a quote about 4 years ago but there was no follow up. Buchanan read the “Scope of Service was to determine the existing boundary lines with durable land (250 ft. frontage) stake out 6 points of the durable land at the 250 ft. boundary and record a plat with the Carroll County Registry of Deeds for \$6,885.00.

Discussion ensued over whether the work had been done or not and determined that the initial survey work was done by Land Technical but was never followed through. Going forward the property will need to be re-surveyed from the 250 ft. from the state right-of-way to the 250 ft. setback, place 6 pins to note a distinct boundary between the area of usable land and the remaining land is placed into a conservation easement. The initial survey plan was reviewed. Buchanan will contact White Mountain Survey & Engineer, Inc. for a quote and to get additional copies of the initial survey.

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

- **NHDES Wetlands Permit** for GEB Realty, LLC –for 63 Broad Bay Road - Tax Map: 031 Lot: 013, After-the – act permitting of a replacement retaining wall. The original retaining wall was damaged by a tree falling on it.

The Commission reviewed the application and will send a letter to NHDES with no comments to the project.

**Informational Newsletters:** The members acknowledged the receipt of the following subscriptions and queried if it would be possible to share this on the Town website. Nash will discuss it with the Town Administrator.

NH Fish & Game: Trails for People and Wildlife – Dolan thought it would be useful for when the committee starts doing trail work.

NH Timberland Owners Association (NHTOA): Caring For Your Forest – workshops for landowners.

NHDES: Supply Lines With The Source – Winter 2021

NH Town and City – March/April 2021

SPNHF: Forest Notes – Winter 2021

**Master Plan:** Chapter 2, 3, 4, and 5 revisions by the Conservation Commission. Not discussed at this meeting.

**Next Meeting:** April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Any Other Business that May Come Before the Commission:**

Solar Farms: Buchanan noted there was informal discussion at the Town Hall concerning solar panels. Buchanan was referring to the Sias Farms application before the Planning Board. Nash reported the application has been withdrawn because the state has not been able to determine how to regulate the electrical power generated and restricting it to 1 KW when these farms want at least 5 KW's. Discussions ensued over the extra power generated, and the electric companies not wanting to buy the extra power. Discussion also included the life expectancies of the panels and how to properly dispose of them since they are not environmentally friendly, and the landfills will not except them. General discussion ensued.

**Adjournment:**

A **Motion** made by Dolan to adjourn the meeting. Buchanan seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **All voted in favor, motion passed.** The meeting ended at 7:38 PM.

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

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**Marie McConarty, Chairperson**

**or**

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