

**TOWN OF OSSIPEE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
October 13, 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 7:06 PM.

Roll Call: Marie McConarty – Chair, Ralph Buchanan, Krystal Eldridge, and Angela Eldridge

Membership: Confirmation received that Angela Eldridge has been sworn in until 07/31/2024

Meeting Minutes: Review to approve September 8, 2021, Minutes

A **Motion** by K. Eldridge to approve the meeting minutes of September 8, 2021, as submitted. Buchanan seconded. No discussion. All others voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

Financial:

- White Mtn. S & E, Inc. – invoice for Windows on the Ossipee Mtns. = \$3,173.50

The Committee reviewed the invoices. Buchanan questioned if the boundaries have clear identifiable markers and has it been recorded at the Carroll County Registry of Deeds. Discussion ensued and the secretary is instructed to email Jim Rines with White Mountain Survey & Engineering, Inc. to obtain answers to Buchanan's questions.

A **Motion** by McConarty to hold payment until the Committee receives clarification on the proposed questions. K. Eldridge seconded. No further discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion Passed.**

- Ralph Buchanan – invoice for brush removal, and landscaping work at the Windows on the Ossipee Mountains. = \$2,381.20

A **Motion** by K. Eldridge to re-imburse Ralph Buchanan on invoice in the amount of \$2,381.20 for rocks, brush removal, and landscaping work at the Windows on the Ossipee Mountains. Payment is to be expended from the Conservation Checking account. A. Eldridge seconded. No further discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion Passed.**

- NH Association of Conservation Commissions – Annual Membership Dues = \$300.00

A **Motion** by Buchanan to approve the expense in the amount of \$300.00 for the annual membership to NHACC – NH Association of Conservation Commissions. A. Eldridge seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion passed.**

- GMCG – Water Quality Testing

McConarty informed the Committee that Green Mountain Conservation Group has been informed by the Town Administrator that GMCG will need to apply as an Outside Agency starting this year.

- Tri-Town Lake Host Program

McConarty informed the Committee that Ned Kucera - Lake Host Program has been informed by the Town Administrator that the Lake Host Program will need to submit an application as an Outside Agency starting this year.

- Proposed 2022 Budget Report

The CC reviewed the 2022 proposed budget. The secretary's wages and benefits, which is now combined with the Conservation Agent/Timber Monitor and the Dam Authority are set by the Town Administrator. The Water Quality Testing for \$1,100 prompted discussion about GMCG going forward will need to apply as an outside agency and the amount seem incorrect or if this amount is the milfoil amount.

Supplies and Equipment is increased to \$200.00 since it has gone over budget this year.

A **Motion** by K. Eldridge to increase Supplies and Equipment to \$200.00 for the Proposed 2022 Budget Report. Buchanan seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion passed.**

All other line items are level funded for a total proposed budget of \$23,751.79.

McConarty or K. Eldridge will discuss the Water Quality Testing amount discrepancy with the Selectmen at their meeting on Monday and to request removing Water Quality Testing and the Lake Host Program from the CC proposed budget.

Old Business:

- Beech River & Annie Nichols Rd Parking: Continues to be on hold.
- Windows on the Ossipee Mountains:

- Plans to record – pending; previously discussed under financials.

- Landscaping project – The CC had a work weekend to get the brush and saplings removed. Garden fabric was laid and secured to the ground and the area was cleaned up of trash. Discussion ensued over getting the bench repaired. Buchanan will contact Tim Otterbach, who volunteered to repair the bench to see if he is able to get the work done. Come springtime the plan is to finish landscaping by laying more fabric and adding woodchips in hopes of keeping the weeds down.

Master Plan: Committee member continue to review each section with the intent of providing any revisions by the October 15th, 2021, deadline.

- McConarty review chapter 2 & 4 and commented it mostly census numbers to be updated. Discussion ensued over affordable housing, development housing, available housing/apartments, and how it would effect the tax base.

- Buchanan reviewed chapter 3 and questioned if there is any plan to address climate change by adding solar farms. Buchanan was updated on the State's legal barriers, and electric companies' restrictions. But he would like the Town to look into solar power for at least the municipal buildings. Discussion ensued over the cost and benefits.

- Eldridge review chapter 5 but noted it mostly involves the Library, Fire Departments, and Recreation which was update by the Public Works Director. Nash noted in the current master plan there is a Recreation Chapter which discusses the recreational activities within and around Ossipee. McConarty commented on the rail trails being used for hikers but are also still used by the antique railcars and does not want to publicize it as hiking trails if the trains are continuing to use the rails. The CC will continue to review this section.

NHDES Land Resources Management: The CC reviewed and discussed each application as noted.

- File #2021-02447 – Jeffrey & Elyse Barton – 40 Remle Rd. Tax Map: 033 Lot: 030 is requesting an Expedited Minimum Impact Wetlands Permit to install a low retaining wall to level off an existing perched beach and install a 6 ft x 30 ft. seasonal dock.

A **Motion** by Buchanan for File #2021-02447 – Jeffrey & Elyse Barton – 40 Remle Rd. Tax Map: 033 Lot: 030 for an Expedited Minimum Impact Wetlands Permit and to notify NHDES that the Ossipee Conservation Commission has no objections to this project. A. Eldridge seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion passed.** McConarty signed the application.

- NHDES Permit -by – Notification: NHB 21 – 2927 for Mercer Therrien for 106 Leavitt Rd. Tax Map: 031 Lot: 049 to replace existing retaining wall on the waterside, with a footprint of 1 ft. x 50 ft., this fall during lake drawdown/ dry.

McConarty noted that she and Steve McConarty went down to review the site work. She explained the intended project. Buchanan noted he had no concerns about the project.

A **Motion** by Buchanan for NHDES Permit -by – Notification: NHB 21 – 2927 for Mercer Therrien for 106 Leavitt Rd. Tax Map: 031 Lot: 049 that the Ossipee Conservation Commission has no objections to this project. A. Eldridge seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion passed.** McConarty signed the application.

- NHDES Permit -by – Notification: NHB 21 – 2928 for Mercer Therrien for 6 Channel Rd. to replace existing legal retaining wall on the waterside. Replacement will change the footprint by 10 LF but will not alter the wall height. Construction will be completed during this fall during lake drawdown/ dry.

A **Motion** by Buchanan for NHDES Permit -by – Notification: NHB 21 – 2928 for Mercer Therrien for 6 Channel Rd. to replace existing legal retaining wall on the waterside and the Ossipee Conservation Commission has no objections to this project. K. Eldridge seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion passed.** McConarty signed the application.

Intent to Cut: The CC reviewed and had no concerns with the projects.

- **Tax Map: 268 Lot: 008 & Lot: 009:** (Original Cut) on 125 & 129 Route 28. Owner is Ossipee Cornerstone Christian Academy, Inc. - Jonathan J. Beam, Chairman; to cut 8 acres of 9+/- acres by L.E. Taylor & Sons, Inc. anticipated start date is 10/28/2021. Approved by the Board of Selectmen. Taxes are paid. No Cemeteries.
- **Tax Map: 250 Lot: 001 & Lot: 002:** (Original Cut) on 804 Route 16. Owner is William Linehan; to cut 3.0 acres of 3.1 acres by Cole Boggs anticipated start date is 10/05/2021. Approved by the Board of Selectmen. Taxes are paid. No Cemeteries
- **Tax Map: 256 Lot: 012:** (Original Cut) on 35 Upper Beacham Hill Rd. Owner is Walker, Warren F Jr. C/O Edward Walker; to cut 15 acres of 26 acres by Tim Nolen – Forest Land Improvement anticipated start date is asap. Approved by the Board of Selectmen. Taxes are paid. No Cemeteries

Informational Newsletters:

- Lakes Region Conservation Trust – The Legacy: Summer 2021
- NH Timberland Owners Association – Fall Landowner Classes – McConarty read and informed the committee of the class.

Next Meeting Date: November 10, 2021

Monday, October 25, 2021: Selectmen's Office at the Town Hall - 4:30

Wednesday, October 27, 2021: Budget Committee at the Freight House - 6:30 PM

Any Other Business that May Come Before the Commission: None presented.

Adjournment:

A **Motion** made by Buchanan to adjourn the meeting. A. Eldridge seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **All voted in favor, motion passed.** The meeting ended at 8:38 PM.

Minutes approved by majority vote of the Commission on _____
Date

Marie McConarty, Chairperson

or

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