

**TOWN OF OSS�PEE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
November 18, 2021**

Minutes have been recorded for the convenience of summarization by Laura Nash, Planning Board Secretary and are deleted once minutes are approved; any amendments to the minutes are noted in ***bold & italic*** type.

Call to Order: Marie McConarty called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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

Absent: Krystal Eldridge

Guest: Christine Cummings

Meeting Minutes: Review to approve October 13, 2021, Minutes

A **Motion** by Buchanan to approve the meeting minutes of October 13, 2021, as submitted. A. Eldridge seconded. No discussion. All others voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

Financial:

- Business Checking Balance is \$29,180.35
- Proposed 2022 Budget Report: The CC reviewed the 2022 proposed budget with the changes made to GMCG Water Quality Testing and NH Lakes – Lake Host Program both becoming Outside Agencies starting this year. Both changes have been accepted by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee and taken under advisement at this time.
- White Mtn. S & E, Inc. – invoice for Windows on the Ossipee Mtns. = \$5,023.50 – Pending response from White Mountain S & E, Inc.

The Committee reviewed the invoices. Buchanan explained his findings from when he previously walked the property. But he believed the boundaries would have clear identifiable markers and who would record the plan at the Carroll County Registry of Deeds. Buchanan and McConarty explained the history of the Windows on the Ossipee Mountains to Christine Cummings. Buchanan is to call Jim Rines to discuss the invoice, pinning the corners and recording of the plans with the Carroll County Registry of Deeds. Buchanan is going to walk the property again.

New Business:

- NHDES: Wetland Violation for 1221 Route 16 – a letter has been received from NHDES indicating they are in receipt of the complaint, and they will be investigating.

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 – Discussion ensued over getting the bench repaired. Tim Otterbach, who volunteered to repair the bench has not done the repair, so McConarty and her husband will go down to

repair the bench. Buchanan suggested adding a sign asking people to pick up trash if they see some on the ground to help maintain the view.

Master Plan: Committee member continue to review each section

- McConarty review chapter 2 & 4 and commented that chapter 2 is mostly census numbers to be updated for housing, populations etc... and does not overly pertain to the Conservation Commission.
- Buchanan reviewed chapter 3 and commented a lot of land is held in current use and until it's given up for building upon the housing situation will not change. Buchanan acknowledged that there has been some land designated for certain projects, but the Town also owns a lot of land.

Buchanan questioned if the plan to address climate change by adding solar farms was discussed with the Planning Board. The secretary replied that a sample ordinance was discussed but idea was dismissed without consideration. Discussion ensued. McConarty suggested adding into the Natural Resources chapter the intent for solar power in the future. Discussion ensued. Buchanan would like to move forward with this and invite Joe Kenney, Jeb Bradley, and Chris Pappas to a meeting and explain to them the regulation obstacles endured with trying to add solar power farms in Ossipee. The secretary provided the committee with a copy of the proposed solar ordinances.

Buchanan inquired when the next Planning Board is to be held because he wants to discuss having the Planning Board add solar energy into the master plan. The secretary informed Buchanan the next meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2021 – 7:00 PM at the Freight House.

Other Business:

- Chickville Rd. Development: McConarty received a call from a resident inquiring about a housing development going in on Chickville Rd. with trees being piled up and the area being made a mess of. The Committee discussed whether or not there is wetlands in this area. Buchanan will drive by in the next few days to ensure no wetlands are being damaged.

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 request for an Expedited Minimum Impact Wetlands Permit has determined the application is Administratively Incomplete.
- **File #2021-03252** – Jeffrey & Elyse Barton – 40 Remle Rd. Tax Map: 033 Lot: 030 request for an Expedited Minimum Impact Wetlands Permit has determined the application is Administratively Complete and will be reviewed within 30 days.

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

- **Tax Map: 241 Lot: 015:** (Original Cut) on Brian Rd. Owner is Amy & Eric Williams; to cut 3.1 acres of 5.8 acres by Richard Buswell anticipated start date is October 26, 2021. Approved by the Board of Selectmen. Taxes are paid. No Cemeteries.
- **Tax Map: 224 Lot: 003:** (Original Cut) on Dorrs Corner Rd. Owner is Gordon & Gloria Berry; to cut 12+/- acres of 16+/- acres by Lance Williams anticipated start date is Unknown. Approved by the Board of Selectmen. Taxes are paid. No Cemeteries.

NHDOT:

- **NHDOT Ossipee, Project #1832H** – is planning the subject intersection improvements project located at Route 16 & 28, Route 171 and Granite Rd. The CC discussed the changes and had no issues with the plans.

Notice:

- Annual Christmas Potluck on 12/23/2021 at 12:00PM in the Bud Avery Memorial Gymnasium

Informational Newsletters:

- GMCG: The Watershed News – Fall 2021
- Carroll County Conservation District – Autumn Plant Sale
- NH Fish & Game: Wild Lines – Fall 2021

Next Meeting Date: December 8, 2021

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

Adjournment:

A **Motion** made by A. Eldridge to adjourn the meeting. M. McConarty seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **All voted in favor, motion passed.** The meeting ended at 7:45 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)