

**TOWN OF OSS�PEE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
January 12, 2022**

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 7:01 PM.

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

Guest: Tobey Reynolds, NHDOT and Elizabeth Gillette

Tobey Reynolds with NHDOT is here to speak on the Route 16 road project by the Windows on the Ossipee Mountains. Buchanan objects to the State removing the 50 ft. concrete slabs is father mixed and poured by hand. Tobey Reynolds informed the committee that the project is approximately two miles long to repair the joints with concrete to reduce the maintenance and make the road more viable. The project is not intended to widen the road but replace some drainage. I contacted Moose Mountain Regional Greenways concerning the right of way section and they informed Tobey Reynolds of the easement held on the property. There's a drainage pipe located on the north end of the parcel, almost opposite is the driveway across the street that goes along a driveway. There's a culvert on the Ossipee side of the road. The culvert extends almost to the states right of way. But it's so close to the line that any work to be done is going to be outside of the right of way. The culvert that's in there now isn't metal, it's actually two different materials. The original that's under the concrete road is a cast iron pipe and at some point, in the past 80 years, the state or somebody extended the pipeline sides with another. So, the intent is to replace the whole pipe with one concrete pipe and once we disturb the earth by putting in the pipe, we'll need to stabilize that with a little bit of stone and allow the vegetation to grow before erosion happens. Then provide about a 30-foot area on the outlet and inlet side of all pipes so that maintenance can go in and clean out the debris, pick up the sand or cut the brush down around the end of the pipe to maintain it.

Discussion ensued over the 250 ft. easement the Conservation Committee is in the process of getting recorded. With this easement NHDOT will not need to seek an easement to continue the maintenance of the culverts. Mr. Reynolds noted NHDOT will hold a public hearing at the end of February. Normally the notification process is 14-days prior but since this is conservation land, NHDOT is required to provide 90-days' notice, unless the owner consents to waiving the 90-day notice. So, in order to have the public hearing at the end of February, Mr. Reynolds is requesting a waiver from the 90-day notification for the 300 sq. ft. easement.

Buchanan noted the conservation easement is on the 26-acres, 250 ft. back from the state right of way. The Conservation Commission maintains the first 250 ft. to be developed into the scenic overlook or other use of land by the conservation commission. The remaining property has a conservation easement, originally with Dan Hole Pond Watershed Trust, now it's with Mosse Mountain Greenway.

Buchanan noted secondly that there is a culvert on the north-end of the property and a culvert on the south end of the property. Buchanan inquired of the plans for the south end culvert. Mr. Reynolds explained that NHDOT met and discussed the plans with TJ Eldridge, Ossipee Public Works Director, who agreed that the proposed culvert work would not interfere with the towns culvert work. The culvert in the south end is within the right of way enough that NHDOT will not have to go outside of the right of way to make repairs.

Mr. Reynolds demonstrated on a photo he had showing the area of the proposed work. Buchanan asked about getting a sign identifying Milliken (Ossipee) Boulder. Mr. Reynolds will follow-up with Moose Mountain Regional Greenways but will let them know that NHDOT will not be within the 250 ft. easement and invited

anyone from the Ossipee Conservation Commission to sit in on the meeting. Mr. Reynolds will submit to the secretary, the wording for a letter to be submitted to the Board of Selectmen concerning the 90-day waiver.

Discussion and review of the boundary line survey recently done by White Mountain Surveying & Engineering, Inc.

A **Motion** by K. Eldridge authorizing the secretary to send a letter to the Board of Selectmen recommending that the Conservation Commission has no issues or concerns and recommends approving a 90-day waiver for the NHDOT proposed culvert maintenance along Route 16 by the “Windows on the Ossipee Mountains.” A. Eldridge seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion Passed.**

Meeting Minutes: Review to approve November 18th, 2021 Minutes

A **Motion** by Buchanan to approve the meeting minutes of November 18th, 2021, as submitted. McConarty seconded. No discussion. All others voted in favor. **Motion passed.** (K. Eldridge abstained)

Financial:

- White Mtn. S & E, Inc. – invoice for Windows on the Ossipee Mtns. = \$7,500.00 – Pending response from White Mountain S & E, Inc.

The Committee reviewed letter and the invoice submitted by Jim Rines of White Mountain Surveying & Engineering, Inc. 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.

A **Motion** by Buchanan to render payment in the amount of \$7,553.00, payable to White Mountain Surveying & Engineering, Inc. for surveying and pinning the boundaries at the Windows on the Ossipee Mountains and payment includes the recording fee and the L-Chip fee for recording the plans with the Carroll County Registry of Deeds to be done by White Mountain Surveying & Engineering, Inc. A. Eldridge seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion passed.**

New Business:

- Peter Maciaszek, Conservation Easement Steward for Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests on the Town of Ossipee’s 108-acre Property on Depot Road in Tamworth.

The Committee reviewed the letter and monitoring report from Peter Maciaszek of SPNHF. In the report Peter Maciaszek identified some trees which had been cut but Board noted this was from the Town of Ossipee having it logged in 2021.

Buchanan has concerns that the Gun Club has placed a building either too close or has crossed over to the Conservation Boundary line. Time was taken to find and review aerial views of the property. Buchanan and McConarty discussed and will visit the site on Sunday afternoon to ensure the boundaries are maintained.

Old Business:

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

- MMRG – Monitoring Report – Elizabeth Gillette was present to give a verbal review of their findings. Elizabeth Gillette, Ralph Buchanan and Ron Larrivee walked the property at the same time that White Mountain Surveying & Engineering, Inc. was there surveying and laying markers. The survey plans were reviewed with Elizabeth Gillette and Buchanan demonstrated the area that was walked and areas needing to be blazed.

Elizabeth Gillette is requested of the committee the following:

1. To have the back line of the property blazed.
2. Have porta potty placed back in the spring with covering per easement agreement.
3. Have a Forestry Management Plan by Rick Gerard.

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

McConarty inquired if the committee can get the paperwork from White Mountain Surveying & Engineering, Inc. to see if the property has been pinned or blazed or if there are plans to do it. Consensus is it should be part of the estimate. Buchanan suggested tabling the motion for payment until confirmation is received that the back property line has been clearly blazed and pinned, so the committee knows where the boundaries are located.

A **Motion** by A. Eldridge and seconded Buchanan to withdraw their previous motion. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion passed.**

A **Motion** by McConarty to table the issuance of payment in the amount of \$7,553.00 until confirmation has been received that the property lines have been pinned, blazed or if there are plans to do it. K. Eldridge seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion passed.**

- Landscaping project – on hold until spring 2022

Master Plan: Status quo

- McConarty review chapter 2 & 4
- Buchanan reviewed chapter 3

Other Business: N/A

NHDES Land Resources Management:

- **File #2021-03443** – Four Investors Realty Trust - NHDES: Wetland Violation for 1221 Route 16 – Tax Map: 101 Lot: 008. Complaint received and investigation is underway.
- **File #2021-03535** - NHDES: Wetland Violation for 118 Leavitt Rd. Tax Map: 053 Lot: 040 for a boat ramp without permit.
- **File #2021- XXXXX** – NHDES Wetland Permit Application for a Standard Dredge and Fill for Richard & Kathryn Francese of 15 Sawyer Rd. Tax Map: 255 Lot: 006 (Ossipee) and Tax Map: 071 Block: 001 Lot: 007 (Tuftonboro).
- **File #2018 – 03477** – Ossipee Aggregates Corp. – Project completion report

Notice:

- GMCG thank you letter for contributing \$2,000 towards Water Quality Testing during 2021 season.
- Yearend reports due by January 21, 2022 – the secretary is to write up the report and send to Conservation Commission for review.
- Housing development on Chickville Rd. was briefly discussed but nothing has come before any of the Boards. But the Town is keeping an eye on the project.

Next Meeting Date: February 9, 2021

- **Town Election:** March 8th, 2022 –at the Town Hall Bud Avery Gymnasium

- Annual Town Meeting: **March 9th, 2022 –at the Town Hall Bud Avery Gymnasium**
- CC meeting: **March 9th, 2022 has been Rescheduled to March 16th, 2022 – 7:00 PM – Freight House**

Any Other Business that May Come Before the Commission:

Elizabeth Gillette noted she recently joined the Board and brought an information flyers on Moose Mountain Regional Greenways, and Munroe Preserve is an example of what MMRG is all about. The Munroe Preserve is 170 acres and abuts Pine River State Forest, the Pine River runs along both sides of the property. It crosses Duncan Lake Road which joins the Conservation Easement on the Red Swamp. Elizabeth Gillette extended an invitation for the Conservation Commission to come and walk the preserve in the spring and summer. It's close to the parking area off Old Granite Rd., past White Pond near the tornado damaged area.

Elizabeth Gillette congratulated the CC for all the landscaping work done at the Windows on the Ossipee Mountains. Elizabeth Gillette has been trying to find Paul Martin, who wrote the book on orchids and the rare orchids attention to the Conservation Commissions attention. K. Eldridge informed Elizabeth Gillette of a gentlemen named, Nat Dane in Center Harbor, who is the head of the Boston Orchids Society. He also owns Hill Crest Farms in Center Harbor.

Adjournment:

A **Motion** made by M. McConarty to adjourn the meeting. A. Eldridge seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **All voted in favor, motion passed.** The meeting ended at 8:33 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)