

TOWN OF OSS�PEE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
June 8, 2022

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

Call to Order: Ralph Buchanan called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call: Ralph Buchanan – Vice Chair, Krystal Eldridge, and Angela Eldridge. Marie McConarty was absent.

Guest: Elizabeth Gillette

Meeting Minutes: Review to approve meeting minutes of ***April 13, 2022***

A **Motion** by Buchanan to approve the meeting minutes of April 13, 2022, as submitted. K. Eldridge seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion passed.**

Financial: N/A

Old Business:

Buchanan advised that the trash on Isaac Buswell Road has been picked up.

- Windows on the Ossipee Mountains:

- Landscaping project – Buchanan knows everyone is busy right now. He advised that he has extra landscaping fabric for us to use and it seems to be working well. He also advised that the porta potty is back on site. K. Eldridge advised that a fence is needed for that. Buchanan asked if Krystal could check on prices for a corner fence and she advised that she would. Discussion ensued over the asset this site has become to the Town of Ossipee. Gillette mentioned that there are always cars there. Tim Otterbach discussed with Buchanan about getting plants for the picnic table. Discussion ensued.

New Business:

The Board received a letter from NHDOT regarding a wetlands permit application for work to be done on Route 16, 300 feet North of Polly's Crossin Road, to fix poor paving issues. Discussion ensued.

There is a new Land Resource Management Inspector Tyler Davidson. Davidson also sent an email regarding needing clarification on site 1221 Route 16. He would like a member of the Board to reach out to him to assist with his concerns. Buchanan asked if he mentioned specific concerns. Angela Eldridge advised no. She advised that she could email him back to ask what his specific concerns were. K. Eldridge advised that she would send him an email. Discussion ensued.

There was email correspondence between Jonathon Smith and Ryan Downing regarding a septic pipe sticking out of the ground on Route 16. It was advised that it is not a septic but it's a drainage pipe.

The Board received a letter of compliance from DES regarding Map 254, Lot 018 to fill and dredge in wetlands and applicable rules.

The Board received an email from Native Plant Trust, a non-profit plant conservation organization asking permission to conduct a survey on Tall Cotton Grass on Pequawket Bog. The Board discussed and advised that they were ok with this. Angela Eldridge will reply to the email advising her.

Ralph Buchanan spoke with Tim Otterbach, who was working with Friends of Constitution Park to construct a kiosk and sign. K. Eldridge advised that they did a great job over there and that they are having a Grand Opening of Constitution Park on June 26th. Events include Touch-a-Truck, tours and disc golf presentation. Discussion ensued.

Buchanan asked that we get the finance sheets for the next meeting to see how much money we have.

Buchanan asked members if they knew of any people that would join the Conservation Commission. He advised that Tim Otterbach may be interested. A. Eldridge will ask around. Discussion ensued.

K. Eldridge asked Buchanan if he has heard anything on the lake host. She said she has not seen anyone there. They discussed who the contact person is for that program. They believe it was Ned. Discussion ensued.

Gillette mentioned asking The Friends of Constitution Park if any of their members are interested in joining the CC. All agreed that it was a good idea. K. Eldridge replied that she thinks most of them are from out of town. Discussion ensued.

Employee of the Year nomination was discussed briefly. Buchanan mentioned Pat Jones, but she is not a town employee. No nomination was made.

Intent to Cut:

Tax Map: 267 Lot: 009 and Tax Map: 080 Lot: 008 are compete. Tax Map: 244 Lot: 002 Yes – Cemetery. K. Eldridge advised she will go check that out because it has a Cemetery. All Intents have been approved by BOS.

Any Other Business that May Come Before the Commission:

Gillette had questions about graves and the flags that get placed. It was briefly discussed.

- The Board received a request from NH Lakes for \$300 for a contribution. Buchanan doesn't remember being a member of that group but thinks we made a contribution last year. Buchanan made a motion to approve this request. K. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion Passed.**

- Elizabeth Gillette confirmed with the CC that the date of August 27, 2022, at the Monroe Preserve, a Fish & Game Biologist, will be doing a presentation on electrofishing. There will also be a guided walk. Discussion ensued.

- Brief discussion about how many lakes there are in NH.

- Watershed News and NH Lakes brochures were passed around to members to review.

Next Meeting Date: July 13, 2022

Adjournment:

A **Motion** made by Buchanan to adjourn the meeting. K. Eldridge seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion passed.** The meeting ended at 7:47 PM.

Minutes approved by majority vote of the Commission on _____
Date

Marie McConarty, Chairman

or

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