

TOWN OF NEW HAMPTON
Conservation Commission
MEETING MINUTES

Town Office 2nd floor small meeting room, 6 Pinnacle Hill Road, NEW HAMPTON, NH 03256

October 2, 2024

1: CALL TO ORDER:

1) The Chair was not in attendance so Mr. Young called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

2) Regular Members: Mr. Tim Young, Mr. Lewis Mundy Shaw

Alternate Members: Mrs. Ashley Bureau, Mr. Harold Lamos

Absent: Mr. Robert Pollock, Mr. Maurice Schofield, Mr. Ted Capron

Mr. Young asked Mr. Lamos to step in for Mr. Schofield and requested that Mrs. Bureau step in for Mr. Pollock.

OTHERS PRESENT:

None

3. CORRESPONDENCE

3) Mr. Lamos said that he called DOT in regards to signs that were appearing on conservation land near Snake River. The DOT told him that it would be appropriate to remove the sign and have the Chair write a letter to the company (Eastway Contracting Group). This has been done and Mr. Lamos shared the letter.

4. REVIEW OF MINUTES OF 9/4/2024

4) Minutes of 9/4/2024 were reviewed.

Mrs. Bureau moved to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Mundy Shaw seconded. All voted in favor.

5. EASEMENT MONITORING – VOLUNTEERS FOR MONITORING

5) Mr. Young asked if anyone had done any easement monitoring.

Mrs. Bureau said that she had been on the Kelly Drake property and had seen markers on trees but wants to walk the property further.

6. TOWN HIRING FORECO FOR FOREST MANAGEMENT

6) Mr. Young reported that the Town has hired FORECO for forest management. He said Mr. Pollock has worked with FORECO in the past and thinks that it will be a good relationship for the Town and for the Conservation Commission.

7. PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2025

7) Mr. Young shared the proposed Conservation Commission budget which totals \$5,600.00. There was brief discussion about which expenses are included in this budget.

Mrs. Bureau made a motion to accept the proposed budget as written. Mr. Mundy Shaw seconded. Vote to pass was unanimous.

Mr. Mundy Shaw shared a letter from PRLAC in which they are requesting additional funds and explained the reasons for the increase.

Mr. Lamos made a motion to increase the monies to PRLAC from \$300.00 to \$350.00 for the calendar year of 2025. Mrs. Bureau seconded the motion. Motion was approved with Mr. Mundy Shaw abstaining because he is a PRLAC member.

8. BOY SCOUTS TRAIL MAINTENANCE

8) Mrs. Bureau said that the scouts are interested in helping but they need to work together to organize a group and to schedule it.

9. SIGN FOR DOLLOFF BROOK PROPERTY

9) No additional information from Kelton Austin yet.

10. BALD LEDGE EASEMENT UPDATE, IF ANY; DRAFT WARRANT

10) No update

11. CHASE ROAD PROPERTY - RECOMMENDATION TO SELECTMEN

11) No update

12. DIXON HILL PROPERTY – RECOMMENDATION TO SELECTMEN

12) Mr. Lamos asked for clarification as to which parcel this is. R19-003-000 is the Town owned property. R19-003-A00 is the property our easement is on.

13. STRAITS ROAD PROPERTY – PROPERTY LINE ISSUE

13) No update

14. WINONA HEIGHTS ROAD; SELECTMEN REQUEST TO PAY BACK TAXES

14) The Winona Heights Road property has to go to Town Warrant once the CC pays in order for this to go through.

14. OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN UPDATE – TIM YOUNG

14.) Mr. Young said he has no additional update at this time.

15. GRANTS AND CC FUNDING FOR 2023-2024 – ASSIGN RESPONSIBILITY A. US FOREST GRANT AND LCHIP GRANT FOR ROBINSON FALLS PROPERTY

15.) Since Mrs. Pendergast is no longer with the Conservation Commission, someone will need to take on this function. Mr. Young asked if anyone wanted to do so and Mrs. Bureau stated that she had been looking at the US Forest Grant and LCHIP grants.

There are a couple of other grants that she had been looking into but she's unsure if we would qualify.

16. DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED GROUND WATER ORDINANCE

16.) On hold at this time.

17. NEW MEMBERSHIP – ANY SUGGESTIONS

17.) Mrs. Bureau mentioned Jess Blais as someone to be considered.

18. OTHER BUSINESS

18) a) Mrs. Bureau said that she had attended an NRRA training which was a composting bus tour. While there, she spoke with some DES employees about Japanese Knotweed disposal. There was some additional discussion about knotweed and about composting.

b) Mr. Schofield and Mr. Pollock cannot attend Wednesday night meetings right now. Mr. Young asked if members could attend Monday nights instead.

Mrs. Bureau made a motion to change the Conservation Commission meetings from Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. on the 1st week of the month to every 1st Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Lamos seconded the motion. Vote in favor was unanimous.

c) CC members discussed a letter which Mr. Pollock had emailed.

Mrs. Bureau made a motion to invite Jeff Evans to the next Conservation Commission meeting that he is available to attend. Mr. Mundy Shaw seconded. Vote was unanimously in favor.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lamos made a motion to adjourn which Mrs. Bureau seconded. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING
SCHEDULED:**

Monday, November 4, 2024

*Respectfully submitted,
Tamara Van Lenten*