

TOWN OF NEW HAMPTON
Conservation Commission
MEETING MINUTES
6 Pinnacle Hill Road, NEW HAMPTON, NH 03256

May 8, 2023

- Members Present:** Regular Members: Mrs. Shana Martinez, Mr. Bob Pollock, Mrs. Deb Pendergast, Mr. Maurice Schofield, Ms. Maggie Stark (Alternate), Mr. Tim Young (Potential Member)
- Others Present:** None
- 1. Call to order:** Mrs. Martinez called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Mrs. Martinez appointed Ms. Stark to vote in place of Mrs. Pendergast.
- 2. Minutes**
-Review of 1/19/23 & 3/13/2023 ***Mr. Schofield made a motion to accept the 1/9/2023 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Pollock – the vote was unanimous. 3/13/2023 minutes have been deferred to June meeting as Mrs. Pendergast is unable to vote at this time.***
- Correspondence** None
- 3. DISCUSSION/REVIEW OF CONSERVATION COMMISSION BYLAWS** 3.) No changes or amendments to previous discussion. By-Laws can be accepted and voted on at the June 12, 2023, meeting. Once approved, a copy of new, updated Bylaws will need to be sent to Selectman for review.
- 4. DISCUSSION NEW HAMPTON TRAIL MAINTENANCE FACILITATION** 4.) Mrs. Martinez brought up for discussion trail maintenance for the New Hampton Nature Trail. She advised the history of the trail and although it is not designated to the CC or is conserved property the trail was created on top of the foundation of Conservation by a previous Conservation Chair. After discussion the Commission agreed to facilitate the clean-up trail maintenance. ***Mr. Pollock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schofield, to facilitate via phone upon direction of the Selectmen; the clean-up of Town Owned Property known as New Hampton Nature Trail, twice a year. Funds will come from designated funds for the Nature Trail, no funds will come from the Conservation Commission funds. This is to be reevaluated every year. The vote was unanimous.***
- 5. KDCA CLEAN-UP/MAINTENANCE** 5.) Selectmen have advised Commission that there are trees down at KDCA, due to muddy conditions, KDCA area has been inaccessible. Once conditions are better CC members will head out to see what needs to be addressed.
- 6. VOLUNTEERS & TRAIL MAINTENANCE** 6.) The Commission discussed futures prospects of obtaining a volunteer pool to maintain trails. There were recommendations for listing, getting information out via social media, town website and email.
- 7.CLEAN-UP DAY 2023** 7.) Commission agrees to have another clean-up day (potentially 2) this year. It was recommended to have food and drinks afterwards for volunteers once clean-ups are completed.
- 8. CONSERVATION AREA MONITORING**
- 9. BALD LEDGE UPDATE**
- 10. CRYSTAL VIEW CC ACCOUNT**
- 11. GRANTS AND CC FUNDING FOR 2022/2023**

**12. DISCUSSION OF
PROPOSED GROUND WATER
ORDIANCE.**

8.) CC members discussed setting up a time frame to locate and view all CC areas and note which ones they would like to monitor. Information will be added to the open space plan to ensure all properties are accounted for.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

9.) Mrs. Martinez advised that Lisetta is no longer with LRPC and she has reached out to a new representative. Bald Ledge easement is pending agreement to changes and inquiries at last CC meeting. Once LRPC and CC agree with easement language, easement can then be sent to Legal for final review.

10.) Mrs. Martinez advised that per last meeting Crystal View Account has been closed and funds have been moved to main Conservation Fund.

11.) The Commission will continue to look for grants and funding for CC areas.

12.) Tabled until next meeting.

13.) Start prepping and take time to update OPEN SPACE PLAN, item will be added to the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Pollock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pollock to adjourn meeting at 9:08 PM. Vote was unanimous.

**NEXT MEETING
SCHEDULED:**

June 12, 2023, at 7:00 PM.

*Respectfully submitted, Shana M.
Martinez*