

TOWN OF NEW HAMPTON
Conservation Commission
MEETING MINUTES

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

July 3, 2024

1: CALL TO ORDER:

1) Mr. Pollock called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Alternate Members: Mr. Ted Capron, Mr. Harold Lamos

Absent: Mrs. Debra Pendergast, Mr. Maurice Schofield and Mrs. Ashley Bureau.

The chair asked Mr. Capron to vote for Mrs. Pendergast and asked Mr. Lamos to vote for Mr. Schofield.

OTHERS PRESENT:

None

3. CORRESPONDENCE

3) a) Mr. Pollock presented a letter from Christopher Ziadeh with FPAC in regards to potential funding for Robinson Falls property. He said that parcels R13-023 & R13-027 are the parcels being looked at.

b) Squam Lakes Conservation Society has an easement on the town owned land on Jackson Pond. They do the monitoring and the monitoring report for that property was provided.

c) Mr. Lamos gave Mr. Pollock an invitation from Meredith Lakes Association and it was reviewed. There will be a presentation given by Ted Dyers of NHDES and Bree Dossier (sp?) of the Lake Winnepesaukee Conservation Association on Thurs July 25, 2024 at the Meredith Community Center. If CC Members have time, they are welcome to attend.

**4. MINUTES – REVIEW OF
6/5/2024 MINUTES**

4) Minutes of 6/5/2024 were reviewed.

Mr. Young moved to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Capron seconded. Vote passed unanimously.

**5. VOLUNTEER TO
MAINTAIN NATURE-FITNESS
TRAIL (NOT A
CONSERVATION
COMMISSION PROJECT)**

5) Still looking for a volunteer if you know of anybody.

6. EASEMENT MONITORING

6.) Mr. Pollock put the easement monitoring forms together with maps for the various easements that we own. He said that all parcels need to be

walked on and checked and should be done before the end of the year. Mr. Capron volunteered to walk on some properties but asked for clarification as to what the process was. There was some discussion about the monitoring process. It was noted that there should be round conservation markers along the property lines identifying the property. The markers were placed by the surveyor wherever a place could be found to put them, so they are not at specific distances around the property lines. Mr. Young said that looking at the ArcGIS viewer may help to identify the parcel locations. He noted that the map contained in the Open Space plan is helpful. Mr. Pollock suggested that a claw hammer be brought while monitoring to pull the markers out of the trees a bit if they are growing into the trees.

Mr. Young asked if all conservation properties need to be monitored. Mr. Pollock said that they all could be monitored, but the ones with easements are required to be monitored.

7. BOY SCOUTS TRAIL MAINTENANCE

7. No update

8. SIGN FOR DOLLOFF BROOK PROPERTY

8) Mr. Pollock located signs that could be used to identify property as conservation property. He said 4 x 4 posts and volunteers are needed to put up the signs. There was some discussion about the size of the sign posts and the location where these would be placed. Mr. Young said he would be willing to place the signs and will print out a map to pinpoint location. Mr. Capron offered to assist.

9. BALD LEDGE EASEMENT UPDATE, IF ANY

9.) Refer to discussion under Other Business # 20. b.

10. EGAN PROPERTY RECOMMENDATION TO SELECTMEN

10.) No update

11. CHASE ROAD PROPERTY - RECOMMENDATION TO SELECTMEN

11.) No update

12. DIXON HILL PROPERTY – RECOMMENDATION TO SELECTMEN

12.) No update

13. STRAITS ROAD PROPERTY – PROPERTY LINE ISSUE

13.) No update

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

14.) Mr. Pollock had sent the CC's recommendation on this property to the Planning Board. The Planning Board has voted to put all three properties up for sale unless there was another use.

Mr. Lamos asked if future parking would be a future use and Mr. Pollock noted that the property also abuts other conservation land. At this point, if there are no other bids, the CC offer that has already been made would be the highest bidder.

15. OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN UPDATE – TIM YOUNG

15.) Mr. Young stated he had looked at the Hopkinton NH Conservation Commission website and recommended that CC Members review that site. He said that the set-up of that site is something to strive for.

At this time, he is continuing to update the existing Open Space Master Plan document. He will send the document with the changes that he has made so far to the CC Members for review.

The map at the end of the document is currently in Word format and needs to be redone and updated. David Jeffers at LRPC has put together a sample map which Mr. Young shared with the group. Details of the sample map were discussed and there was some further discussion about the purposes of the map and features that should be included. Mr. Young said that he is trying to get this data into CAD so it can be manipulated as needed. LRPC is putting together a proposal for cost of these additional steps. Mr. Young said he is also concerned about updating the other charts with Town data.

16. GRANTS AND CC FUNDING FOR 2023-2024 – DEBRA PENDERGAST UPDATE

16.) No update as Mrs. Pendergast is absent.

17. DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED GROUND WATER ORDINANCE

17.) On hold at this time.

18. OAK TREE FOR PAT SCHLESINGER – TIM YOUNG

18) Mr. Pollock called for a motion to expend the funds for the oak tree.

Motion was made by Mr. Young to expend \$275.00 to replace the Oak tree at the Kelly Drake property in honor of Pat Schlesinger. Mr. Capron seconded. Unanimously approved.

Mr. Young is planning to pick up the tree at Millican's next week.

20. OTHER BUSINESS

20.) a.) Mr. Capron reported that he had tried to view Robinson's Falls and was unable to locate it. The North side of Blake Brook was impassable because of blow downs. The South side was posted. Mr. Young reported that it is very steep and the brook would have to be traversed.

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b.) Mr. Capron asked if there was an update about Bald Ledge. Mr. Pollock said that he had emailed LRCT recently and asked for an update and he has not heard back yet.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lamos made a motion to adjourn which Mr. Mundy Shaw seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED:

Wednesday, September 4, 2024

*Respectfully submitted,
Tamara Van Lenten*

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