

Town of Boscawen, NH
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Boscawen Municipal Complex

Meeting Minutes - Draft
Tuesday, August 16, 2016 @ 7:00 PM

Commissioners Present: Tom Gilmore, Chair, Jeffrey Abbe, Norman LaPierre

Absent: Lyman Cousens, Alexandria Hudek

Others Present: none.

Regular Business

- Open by Chair

Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

- Roll call

Chair Gilmore did a roll call.

- Review and Acceptance of the Minutes of prior meeting

Norman LaPierre made a **motion** to approve the Minutes, seconded by Jeff Abbe and passed by a unanimous vote.

- Accountant's Report

Alan Hardy said the Conservation Fund was approaching \$200,000. He will send out the balance of the Town Forest Account. The operating budget account summary was also attached. Alan Hardy will scan and send out the Forest Account.

A **motion** to accept the budget sheet as presented was made by Norm LaPierre, seconded by Jeff Abbe and passed by a unanimous vote.

Alan Hardy got a bill from Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee for dues. Tom Gilmore made a **motion** to pay that bill out of the operating budget, seconded by Norm LaPierre and passed by a unanimous vote.

Old Business:

Keagan Easement:

Alan Hardy said it is waiting for the easement appraisal. Ken Stern also sent in a copy of a letter he sent to the Keagan's. Mr. Stern has put in an application to the Forest Society for a grant that he mentioned to the Commission. Tom Gilmore said that they wanted to get that moving ahead. Tom Gilmore asked if there was money needed up front to fund the easement appraisal.

New Business:

Town Forest mowing:

Tom Gilmore received an email from Rose Fife with a bid for her husband to do the mowing for \$300.00. Alan Hardy said two people were interested in doing the mowing. John Fife and Alex Hudek's boyfriend Adam. Tom
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Gilmore said one bid was \$300.00 and one was \$350.00. He said they wanted to mow it twice. Jeff Abbe said he was out there the other day and it is grown in. Norm LaPierre asked what Rose's husband's tractor was. Alan Hardy knows of John because he works for Adam Mock and he is an equipment guy.

Tom Gilmore suggested that they make a motion tonight to ask John Fife to do the mowing now and then they will decide later whether they need another mow. Alan Hardy asked what the commission thought of having John Fife mow this fall and they can have Adam mow it in the Spring and compare the two jobs. Tom Gilmore said that was what he had in mind. They want to mow it in the Spring and the Fall. A **motion** to have John Fife mow for \$300 and have it done as soon as he can get to it this year and they will decide in the Spring which of the two will do the mowing in the Spring was made by Tom Gilmore, seconded by Jeff Abbe and passed by a unanimous vote.

Tom Gilmore asked about the trail signage. Jeff Abbe contacted the City of Concord. Avitar did the pamphlets. He showed the Commission what the City of Concord had given them. He feels what Avitar did is a large improvement over what the City gave them. Beth Fenstermacher is in the process of redoing the City of Concord's town trails. Avitar has rotated and expanded to get the trails in to have orientation to Queen Street. Jeff Abbe said he has been trying to get to Alex Hudek and he hasn't had any response. He'd like to get together with Alex Hudek to find out what her ideas are. If they get together with CHAD, his time is billed out and he'd like to get together with Alex Hudek first. He gave her a copy of the maps for her to review. Tom Gilmore asks that they do not have Avitar to do more until Jeff Abbe and Alex Hudek get together. Jeff Abbe said their logo would be an owl.

Tom Gilmore attended the Contoocook North Branch River Local Advisory Committee. They gave him an informational bulletin that they would like him to post. Tom Gilmore said they wanted to get their Minutes onto town websites. Tom Gilmore suggested that the DES should have a website for all of them and put the Minutes up on there. If it was on an LAC website then Boscawen could have a link to that website. He told the CNBRLAC committee he would find a way to post their Minutes for them. Tom Gilmore said he'd like to post them on a bulletin board somewhere. Alan Hardy asked what their acronym was. Tom Gilmore said it was CNBRLAC. Much discussion ensued regarding Roberts Rules of Order and Minutes. Tom Gilmore said they also discussed that the State is coming up with some regulations for water usage for rivers. It was noted that there was an Upper Merrimack River group as well as a Lower Merrimack River group.

Alan Hardy noted that there was a requirement that the Conservation Commission has to pass on any properties that the town is considering selling. The two parcels are 307 High Street and 26 Range Road which are tax deeded properties.

The first one is 307 High Street. If you go up High Street past all the Colby land, old Apple House on the left hand side on the side hill, that's the parcel. If there is no reason to hang onto it the town will sell it and the proceeds will go to pay taxes. Norm LaPierre asked if there was no house on the parcel. Alan Hardy said there was not. Tom Gilmore said there was really no reason that it would be a problem for the Conservation Commission to release the property. Jeff Abbe noted that there was some activity going on there. Alan Hardy said that there were some activity going on and he asked them to stop. A **motion** that the Conservation Commission has no problem with the Town of Boscawen selling this property which is Map 47 Lot 27 was made by Tom Gilmore, seconded by Norm LaPierre and passed by a unanimous vote.

The second parcel is 26 Raymond Road. It is a nice field and a house. The house is sitting on 3.21 acres and is also owned by the Town. Alan Hardy would recommend that the Conservation Commission release the property. A **motion** made by Tom Gilmore that the Conservation Commission approve the release/sale of Map 47 Lot 32, subdivision A, seconded by Norm LaPierre and passed by a unanimous vote.

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100 Alan Hardy noted a few projects coming through. AFMI on Hardy Lane. He showed the Commission the plans
101 for the project. He discussed the setbacks. Alan Hardy said that there were twice as many people that applied to
102 go there than were accepted. They need more space to accommodate their growing demand.

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104 Alan Hardy said that on Knowlton Road/Water Street, there is an old farm known as Knowlton Farm and they
105 will be subdividing the parcel. There will be 47.6877 acres left from the subdivision.

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107 Jeff Abbe asked Alan Hardy about the lot below the gravel pit entry that has been cleared. Is there any
108 requirements from the town for a silt fence, etc.? Alan Hardy said the town doesn't but DES would have. He
109 will take a look at the site. Jeff Abbe noted that the gravel pit has been noisy lately. Hammer noise and crusher
110 noise.

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112 A **motion** by Norm LaPierre, seconded by Jeff Abbe and passed by a unanimous vote that the Commission would
113 talk with the abutter "Fred" to Alan Hardy's property about an easement on Alan Hardy's property. Alan Hardy
114 noted that he has about 90 acres. There is forest land out back that abuts Fred's.

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116 A **motion** to adjourn the meeting was made by Norm LaPierre, seconded by Jeff Abbe and passed by a unanimous
117 vote.

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119 **Next Meeting:** September 20, 2016 at 7pm

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121 *Respectfully submitted,*
122 *Rose Fife*
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