

# **Town of Boscawen**

Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes – Final  
Boscawen Municipal Complex  
April 18, 2017 at 7pm

Members Present: Tom Gilmore – Chair, Jeff Abbe, Lyman Cousens, Alexandria Kyasky, Norman LaPierre

Others Present: Alex White – Resident, Katie Phelps – Recording Secretary

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## **Regular Business:**

- Chairman Gilmore called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with a voting board.
- Roll Call made by Chairman Gilmore.

## **Review and Acceptance of Prior Meeting Minutes:**

The commission reviewed meeting minutes from the March meeting.

**Motion made by Norman LaPierre, and seconded by Jeff Abbe, to accept the minutes from the March meeting as written. All in favor.**

## **Accountant's Report:**

The Commission reviewed the Profit & Loss Report and Balance Sheet. The conservation account balance as of April 18, 2017 is \$131,236.02.

**Motion to accept the Accountant's Report made by Lyman Cousens, and seconded by Norman LaPierre. All in favor.**

## **Old Business:**

- **Town Forester:**

Chairman Gilmore had a meeting with Alan Hardy and Charles Niebling – the Town Moderator. Mr. Niebling is also a forester and a previous member of the Conservation Commission.

The Commission read a proposal from Mr. Niebling who provided his background in forestry and what his plan would be should he be selected. He said Mr. Klemarczk's 2002 Management Plan is well written but proposes updating the inventory data and developing a 10 year prescription of forest management activities – which he would like to do cooperatively with wildlife habitat experts with NH Fish and Game. The proposal to update the forest inventory and report as well as the preparation of a new 10 year schedule of proposed management activities would require approximately 8 days to complete at a rate of \$3,500. All other administrative work, supervision, negotiation and boundary work would cost \$60 per hour.

Chairman Gilmore and Lyman Cousens spoke highly of Mr. Niebling. He has the background experience that the town needs and they feel he would be a great fit. Chairman Gilmore said he would like to recommend that the Commission hire Charles Niebling as Town Forester.

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- **Hardy Easement Update:**

The easement deed is currently in progress at the attorney's office. The Conservation Commission will inspect it once a year after it's put into easement.

- **Snowmobile Trails:**

Chairman Gilmore said Mr. Niebling was willing to work with the Commission to enhance trails. The snowmobile club has requested an alternate route near Weir Road. The Commission would be happy with anyone who wanted to enhance the trails. Adam Mock would also be interested in working with the Commission if their looking to create new trails. Discussion ensued.

- **Town Forest Trails Sub-committee:**

Jeff Abbe says Brian Adams was planning to attend but he was out of town on business. Resident Alex White joined the board to express interest in being part of a trails sub-committee should the Commission implement one. He and his wife use the trails frequently and clean them up and would like to help preserve them. Alexandria Kyasky wants to know if there would be rules in place for the sub-committee. Mr. Abbe said its clean-up and maintenance.

Chairman Gilmore said if there was interest, the Commission would welcome Mr. White as a member. He said he would give that some thought.

Mr. Abbe has been working with Avitar said there would be a new trailhead map available soon. He is waiting for Concord to enter their trail information.

- **Town Forest Consolidation:**

Not moving – waiting on the attorney. More information to come.

- **Keegan Site Showing:**

The Keegan site walk is scheduled for April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1-2:30pm. Five Rivers is looking to have Commission members present and bring a baked good if possible. Parking will be at Jamie Welch field and people will be shuttled to the site. Lyman Cousens, Norman LaPierre, Tom Gilmore, and Jeff Abbe are planning to attend to represent the Conservation Commission.

**Motion to adjourn made by Lyman Cousens, and seconded by Jeff Abbe. All in favor.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

**Next meeting of the Commission will be May 16, 2017 at 7pm.**

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Katie Phelps*