

Boscawen Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, January 21, 2015

Commissioners Present: Deborah Hinds, Tom Gilmore, Pamela Hardy  
Commissioner Absent: Lisa Bissonnette  
Alternate Commissioners Present: Jeffrey Abbe, Norman LaPierre

Others Present: Rose Fife, Recording Secretary, Kellee Jo Easler, Planning and Community Development Assistant and Alan Hardy, Planning and Community Development Director

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

Roll Call: Deborah Hinds, Tom Gilmore, Pamela Hardy, Norman LaPierre, alternate and Jeffrey Abbe, alternate all present. Alternate members will be will be voting tonight.

**Review and Acceptance of the prior meeting's minutes:** It was discussed with the new Recording Secretary that the Minutes could be condensed. Several changes were discussed and the Recording Secretary will make those changes and resubmit for approval at the February meeting.

**Old Business: Town Forest**  
**Action Plan:**

Jeff Abbe submitted photographs via email to all to see the cleanup that took place in the Town Forest. There was a consensus that it was a job well done. He also spoke with the State of NH Prison about making signage such as trail signs, etc. Their cost is materials plus 20%. There was discussion about what verbiage would be on the signs. The commission would like the signs to somewhat match the City of Concord's signs which were placed on Concord's trails. Boscawen would like forest green with white letters where the City of Concord did forest green and yellow letters. This will set the two apart. A "Carry In/Carry Out" sign placed at the entrances of the forest were also discussed and agreed upon. Trail Maps need to be updated. The Conservation Commission's April 21, 2014 "List to Do" was handed out and discussed. The final cost for the contractor to come in and cleanup the Town Forest was \$1500.00. Deborah Hinds also needs to do a narrative for the town report on what the commission has accomplished and what their goals will be for 2015.

**Treasurer's Report:**

**Action Plan:** Pamela Hardy reported that \$10,992.34 was in the Town Forest account, which does not reflect the \$1500.00 expense just incurred for Town Forest clean up. The conservation account has \$165,058.78. The PDIP accounts have been transferred to Franklin Savings Bank.

**Town Forest:** Alan Hardy was asked if it were illegal to use conservation money to purchase property and then not put that property in the Conservation Commissions name. Property was purchased across the street from Marshall's Fire Arms. Deborah Hinds asked Alan Hardy if the Conservation Commission should go to the Selectmen to ask to have the property transferred solely into the Conservation Commission's name. This property has trail access from B.E.S.T. Ave. as well as Queen Street. Tom Gilmore said that the Commission should do a written proposal to the selectmen that this property should

be all in the Conservation Commission's name. Alan Hardy suggested that they map out the useable land and present that along with their written proposal. There is a neighbor to this property who has encroached. This needs to be rectified. Discussion regarding Adverse Possession took place. Tom Gilmore asked if the Town of Boscawen were interested in utilizing this property at all. Alan Hardy stated that the water table was too high for use.

Jeff Abbe will come up with a list of signage for this property for the next meeting. He will also look into the cost of two picnic tables for the Spring.

**New Business: Coldbrook Gravel**

**Action Plan:**

Coldbrook Gravel has expanded their operation into an area that they should not have. Their permits have expired. Alan Hardy stated that they also have an abandoned gravel pit that encroached onto the neighbor's property that needs to be taken care of this year. Coldbrook Gravel will go to AOT first for approval and then come before the Planning Board. Deborah Hinds was concerned with the topo map not being field located. It needs to be delineated by a Wetlands or Soil Scientist. She would like to see a good topo map showing the existing tree line and wetlands as they exist today. She also disclosed that she used to work for LaPine Engineering and Surveying until March of 2002. She does not remember working on this property plan. She did do work on their septic design for their office though. She does work for Dick Edmonds, the gravel pit owner, once in a while.

**Action:** A motion was made by Tom Gilmore that the Conservation Commission recognizes the relationship the Chairman has had with this parcel and find that it is not a conflict for her to be involved in the Conservation Commission's activity with this property. Motion was seconded by Norman LaPierre and passed by a unanimous vote with Deborah Hinds abstaining.

Discussion continued with regard to reclamation plans. Alan Hardy suggested a visit to the property should be planned. Deborah Hinds would like to see the outer limits of the former permit. Vacating the 2009 plan and renegotiating a new plan was suggested. Alan Hardy would like to see an annual review by the Town Engineer of this project. Deborah Hinds would like a letter sent outlining the points that the commission would like to see on a new plan.

**Action:** Kellee Jo Easler will do a letter to the Planning Board and Ridge Mock outlining the points that the Conservation Commission would like to see.

The next meeting of the Commission will be held on February 18, 2015 at 7 pm.

**Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Norman LaPierre, seconded by Tom Gilmore and passed by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.**

*Respectfully submitted by Rose Fife*