

**Town of Boscawen, NH
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Boscawen Municipal Complex**

**Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 17, 2017 @ 7:00 PM**

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

Absent: Alexandria Hudek

Regular Business

Meeting was opened by the Chair at 7:01 pm.

Roll call was done by the Chair.

Review and Acceptance of the Minutes of December 20, 2016 meeting. A **motion** to accept the Minutes was made by Norm LaPierre, seconded by Jeff Abbe and passed by a unanimous vote. (Lyman Cousens abstaining.)

Regular Business

Accountant's Report. Alan Hardy stated that the budget has passed. The selectmen's meeting is on the 25th. There is a 2.33% change town wide.

Tom Gilmore stated that he'd like Old Business put before New Business on the agenda. Alan Hardy said he needs to let Katie Phelps know.

Old Business:

Timber Cuts. Alan Hardy stated that they were getting to the closing out of Timber Cuts.

Kellee is working on the merger of the Town Forest. They are researching the current deed. He concerned with the two back lots – the Barnard lots and how they came into the Town's possession. He said if they cannot find clean deeds, they will have to involve Council. If the deeds are clean they will send them down to Council and they should be good to go. Alan Hardy noted that they should talk with the Selectmen about the parcel that is across from Marshall's. Tom Gilmore said they needed to find out who owns that parcel, Conservation or the Town. Alan Hardy said about half the money came from the Conservation Commission. Tom Gilmore asked if there were any walking trails or snowmobile trails on that property. Norm LaPierre said that there were.

Town Forest: Jeff Abbe meets with Beth Fenstemacher at 1:30 pm tomorrow about the maps. He showed the original maps they started with from the City of Concord. There are a few changes to be made i.e. colors, etc. Jeff Abbe will report back next month. Concord is redoing all of their trail maps. Alan Hardy noted some of the property owners of the surrounding property.

Alan Hardy noted that the merger of the town forest is in the works.

They received an email on the appraisal of Alan Hardy's property. Tom Gilmore said that it would be good to get it done as soon as possible. Alan Hardy noted that Mr. Talbert is looking to conserve more land in that area.

New Business:

Tom Gilmore said that they can talk about an invitation that they have received from Carletta Alasala who is our legislature. She is from Boscawen. Lyman Cousens was asked to invite them to next month's meeting. Alan Hardy said she is going to try to stop by tonight. Lyman Cousens said it was his intention to get her to come to the February meeting. Lyman Cousens said if she didn't come in this evening he will be sure she gets an invitation.

Carletta Alasala arrived. Tom Gilmore introduced the Conservation Commission to her. Alan Hardy said they are starting out with very little targeted information. The mailing that came though was the Conservation Commission's goal was to make her aware of what is going on. If the CC becomes aware of something that is of concern to them then they make her aware of what is going on.

Carletta Alasala said there is 400 Legislatures and most do not know each other. Lyman Cousens said that his intent was to have her come in February which would give her some time to look up some stuff. Carletta Alasala came them some background. Each week she receives a calendar and the commission should get a copy of the calendar as well and if there is something in there they are interested in they can bring it to the table. Her committee is Children and Family Law. And she still does other things. Whatever the Conservation Commission shares with her and wants her to do, she will do. She is representing the town. Tom Gilmore asked her how long she had been in the Legislature. Carletta Alasala said that this is her 3rd term.

The Commissioner's gave her a couple of items that they were interested in i.e. conservation appraisers and the fees they charge. Carletta Alasala said if the Commission has interest in a Bill to let her know least a week ahead of the meeting that they would like her to attend. Tom Gilmore said they would be interested in restriction of land use and water run-off. Alan Hardy said or restrictions on the Conservation Commission itself. Carletta Alasala asked if they would be interested in attending any hearings that may have something that they are interested in. Tom Gilmore said to let Alan Hardy know. She said she would attend the Conservation Commission meeting in February.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm was made by Lyman Cousens, seconded by Norm LaPierre and passed by a unanimous vote.

Next Meeting: February 21, 2017 at 7pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Rose Fife*