

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

**Meeting Minutes - Final
Tuesday, October 18, 2016 @ 7:00 PM**

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

Absent:

Others Present: Alan Hardy Planning & Community Development Director

Regular Business

Open by Chair, Roll call by Chair.

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

Review and Acceptance of the Minutes of prior meeting: A **motion** to grant the Minutes from September 2016 was made by Alexandria Hudek, seconded by Jeff Abbe and passed by a unanimous vote.

Accountant's Report

Alan Hardy said the commission had the Forest Fund, and a Balance Sheet, and a Profit and Loss. There hasn't been a whole lot of activity there. There is also the budget that the Conservation Commission has and is part of the town budget. That shows, normally, expenses related to the Town Forest. There isn't a lot of activity. The third account is the Conservation Commission fund which is the largest of the accounts at \$187,575.89. That has now increased both by income and from the transfer of \$3,500.00. Tom Gilmore noted that they will be using some of that money for some of the easement works.

Alan Hardy said the survey is still being worked on for the Keegan Conservation easement. As soon as he gets it he will send it off to the group. He asked that the Commission authorize the Chair to approve it in between meetings. Then he can take action on it as he expects to see if tomorrow. It is essentially what Keegan, the town and Rivers is going to do. A **motion** to allow the Chair to approve the survey was made by Lyman Cousens seconded by Jeff Abbe and passed by a unanimous vote. Alan Hardy noted that the next action will be the negotiation of the easement. Tom Gilmore noted that he was contacted by the appraiser for the Hardy easement and the charge will be \$2,500.

Old Business

Tom Gilmore noted that walks needed to be done for Jones property and his property. Alex said she could do a walk during the week. Tom Gilmore noted that a Saturday or Sunday would work. The Jones property would be fairly easy. Tom Gilmore asked Alex Hudek to ask permission to do the walk and set up a date and the two of them could do the walk. Lyman Cousens said he would also like to do that walk. Alex Hudek asked if Friday or Monday would be okay. Tom Gilmore said that 11 am on Monday would work. Plans were made to complete the walk of the Jones Property.

Tom Gilmore said that a Saturday or Sunday would work to do the walk for his property on Water Street. He spoke with Jeff Abbe about doing that walk.

Trail: Jeff Abbe said he hasn't done anything new on that project. He is still trying to get together with Beth Fenstermacher, a City of Concord Planner who is involved with the City of Concord's Conservation Commission. He feels it is important to coordinate Boscawen's maps with Concord's maps. Alan Hardy said someone got lost yesterday and GPS took them to Concord instead of Boscawen as there is a Weir Road in both towns.

Jeff Abbe said that the balance sheets say there is \$440 for mapping. Will that be an expense they incur from Avatar? Alan Hardy believes so. The budget is \$440.00 and it doesn't look like there has been any expenditures yet. If other bills come in they could go out of the town budget instead of the town forest account. The only difference is with the town budget account the money will go back if it is unused. Jeff Abbe will get together with Avitar one more time to try to finalize this.

Alan Hardy asked if he had spoken to Kellee about the letter received from Doug. Jeff Abbe asked if he needed to sign it. This letter thanks Doug for his services to the State for his spraying services. Tomorrow night at the River Hill Grange Hall he is the guest speaker. He went out last Thursday and sprayed more bittersweet on the front part of the foundation. Discussion ensued regarding a work detail from minimum security prison inmates. Lyman Cousens spoke about the Homestead Inn who also have people that will help. Jeff Abbe asked if the residents at the Homestead Inn were able to go to a job. Lyman Cousens said yes.

Tom Gilmore said there were a few items on organization membership that they belong to. They paid NH Association of Conservation; there is a solicitation to the NH Timberland Owner's Association. Alan Hardy said last year they didn't do that. It has been a while. Tom Gilmore went to a seminar given for NH Sustainable Forestry Initiative at Colby Sawyer College. He feels they should be a membership to the NHTOA for \$70.00. Alan Hardy said they were a member quite a while ago. They also had Tree Farm Membership for a while also. Tom Gilmore said NHTOA is a land owner membership and the Conservation Commission is a land owner. Alan Hardy said when you are looking for Conservation money to support easements. NHTOA also helps with that. Tom Gilmore noted that they have donated to the Upper Merrimack Local Advisory Committee, which he is a member of and he would like to donate \$100 to the CRLAC also. A **motion** by Norm LaPierre to donate \$100 to the CRLAC, seconded by Lyman Cousens and passed by a unanimous vote. Tom Gilmore wanted to recommend to the Selectmen that Michele Tremblay and Steven get recommended to continue on a committee for UMLAC. Lyman Cousens said that the selectmen did not reappoint her. A **motion** to recommend to the Selectmen that they recommend to the commission that Michele and Steven be reappointment when they expire in early 2017 was made by Tom Gilmore, seconded by Norm LaPierre and passed by a 3-1 vote with Cousens abstaining.

Tom Gilmore spoke about the Sustainable Forestry Initiative seminar he went to at Colby Sawyer College. He also took a tour of Durgan and Crowell lumber mill. Discussion about wood chips and their value in being used in boilers. There is a new boiler being installed at the County Jail that will be operated with wood chips.

Norm LaPierre asked if the Water Street gravel pit owned by Edmunds was sold. Alan Hardy said they settled with the neighbors.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Lyman Cousens, seconded by Jeff Abbe and passed by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Rose Fife