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CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Boscawen Municipal Complex

Meeting Minutes - Draft
Tuesday, March 20, 2018 @ 7:00 PM

8 Commissioners Present: Tom Gilmore, Chair, Jeffrey Abbe, and Lyman Cousens

9 Also present: Rose Fife, recording secretary

10 Absent: Norman LaPierre

11 Guest: Ray Mercier (OLLI)

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13 **Regular Business**

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- 15 • Open by Chair at 7:00 pm
 - 16 • Roll call
 - 17 • Review and Acceptance of the minutes of prior meeting minutes – Abbe noted that on Line 75 there is a ‘he’
18 that should read ‘she’. A **motion** to approve the Minutes as amended was made by Abbe, seconded by Gilmore
19 and passed by a unanimous vote.
 - 20 • Accountant’s Report – The report shows a net income of \$4,925.96 in the Capital Reserve Account, which now
21 has a total of \$141,921.42. He believes that the money came from the current use tax when property owners
22 convert their property back.

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24 **Guest:**

25 Matt St. Onge & Ray Mercier (OLLI) - Jeff asked him to come tonight as he showed some interest in coming up
26 with a draft of the new trail brochure. Within a month or two they should have something ready to submit. Abbe
27 is down to about 10 or 15 of the old brochures. Jeff said Brian Adams may show up later. He and his wife use
28 the trails for running, hiking, biking, etc. Gilmore stated that they cannot become part of the CC as they do not
29 live in town. They do have an Associate Member, meaning they can speak, but cannot vote.

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32 **Old Business:**

- 33 • Hardy Easement Update – The easement is now complete. Cousens asked if the Commission paid anything.
34 Gilmore said it was subsidized by a resident. There was no cost to the town.

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36 Discussion regarding a possible easement on the Morrill property. They will be putting a condition that the
37 buildings on the easement were to be agricultural buildings only. i.e. barns, etc. Cousens asked if Five Rivers or
38 someone like that would be involved in it. Gilmore thought possibly getting the Forest Society involved.

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- 40 • Town Forest Update – The field needs to be back dragged and seeded. Abbe called the prison today and they
41 will call him back to see about getting help from the inmates. Abbe spoke with John Fife about bush hogging.
42 He and John will walk the property once it’s done being back dragged. Abbe said he will get Doug Sygan back
43 to spray the bittersweets. Cousens asked about the seeding. Will it improve wild life habitat? Abbe said yes.
44 Cousens said they could get a grant for that. Abbe said Niebling is interested in working on that too. Possibly a
45 NH Fish and Game grant. Abbe has the applications. Abbe said the seed will cost around \$1,000. Gilmore said
46 they have talked about doing another cut next fall. Abbe thought maybe they should give the Forest a year off.
47 Minimize the trail devastation. Abbe said snowmobiles are using new woods trail that was built.
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49 Ray Mercier walked the Barnard lot about 3 weeks ago. The abutting lot has been logged. The Barnard lot has
50 signs of deer. Gilmore said they have 2 more cuts they can do before they get to the Barnard lot.

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52 Abbe wants to repost the “Habitat Restoration Area” signs. He will place it on the kiosk. Abbe talked to Charlie
53 Jaworski who has some old hay that he will donate. Cousens said that the Homestead Inn occupants may be
54 interested in helping. Abbe said he will stop in and ask about that. Gilmore complimented Abbe on the work he
55 has been doing on the Town Forest.

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57 Ray Mercier will hold an OLLI tour this summer. Jeff Abbe will attend and represent the Conservation
58 Commission.

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60 Abbe has been receiving a lot of letters from Matt St.Onge and he is forwarding them on to Alan Hardy. Gilmore
61 and Abbe discussed target shooting in the Forest and hunting in the Town Forest. Grant money requires it to be
62 open for hunting.

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64 A **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm was made by Cousens, seconded by Abbe and passed by a unanimous
65 vot.

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67 **Next Meeting:** April 17, 2018 at 7pm

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69 *Respectfully Submitted*
70 *Rose Fife, Recording Secretary*