

CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Boscawen Municipal Complex

November 15, 2022  
Final Minutes

Present: Alan Hardy, Chair, Jeff Abbe, Vice Chair, Henry Carrier, Matt Burdick, Aurel Mihai

Absent: Lyman Cousens, Norm LaPierre

Excused: Mark Kaplan, Betsey McNaughten and Rose Fife

Staff Present: Kearsten O'Brien, Deputy Planning and Community Development Director, Charlie Niebling, Town Forester

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**Regular Business**

- Open by Chair at 6:30 pm
- Roll call by Recording Secretary

Motion to approve the Consent agenda by Aurel Mihai. Seconded by Jeff Abbe. All in favor. None opposed.

Chair Hardy made Henry Carrier a voting member.

**Town Forest Update:**

Abbe said that Web Stout is back in Town this week and he will be in touch with him about laying out the Creaser lot three corners and locate the Dam at Walker Pond. Town Forester Niebling suggested blazing and painting some of the lines between the forest and Mr. Bruce Davis' property and where it connects to the Elementary School. Abbe reported there were a couple trees down on the Blue Ridge Trail. He stated there have been a few hunters in the area and has posted the recommended to wear red or orange clothing. Abbe said there are about four or five oak trees that have come down by Hollins Ave. He asked if it could be used for fire wood or should they leave it. The members agreed it could be used for fire wood. Abbe said it's very easy to access. Mihai said it looked like there had been a good clean cut and nothing is in the paths. Town Forester Niebling said the white pine cone crop is shaping up to be a banner crop next year. Town Forester Niebling asked if we wanted to revisit the conversation with the abutter Horizon Holdings about a temporary easement to access the Barnard lot. **Abbe made a motion to allow Town Forester Charlie Niebling to speak with the Horizon Holding representative about a temporary right of way access to the western most part of the Barnard Lot. Seconded by Mihai.** Town Forester Niebling refinished the sign at the Weir Road Town Forest Trail Head over the weekend. Abbe mention that the beavers dammed up the culvert by the gate at Corn Hill Road. Someone has pulled out some of the debris. Abbe said there are about three beaver huts that you can see from the road.

**Walker Pond update:** Chair Hardy said that he had a conversation with Mark Kaplan about research he had done on Walker Pond about an outside organization holding the easement. Chair Hardy would like to give Kaplan the opportunity to present his research next month as he is traveling this month. Chair Hardy mentioned that DPW Director Hollins has ordered No Parking signs to put in areas at Walker Pond. Abbe said that he had DPW Director Hollins put a boulder out where the old water line was because people park there to get their Ice Fishing House out there during the winter.

### **Master Plan Update:**

Deputy PCD Director O'Brien presented the suggested changes within the Master Plan made by herself, Kaplan and Mihai. Mihai suggested making an appendix between some of information that mixes with the Agricultural Commission Chapter. The Commission agreed that the appendix would be a good idea. Deputy O'Brien and Chair Hardy will make the recommendation to PCD Director Easler. Abbe said that the trails and trails management paragraph is well written but could use a little more detail. Deputy O'Brien said to think of some goals and objectives. The commission will continue to work on the Master Plan chapter.

**Land Use Happenings:** Deputy PCD Director O'Brien informed the Commission that there was a five lot subdivision submission on Map 94 Lot 23 off High Street, near the Boscawen/Salisbury town line. Mihai asked if they will be coming to the Conservation Commission for input. Deputy PCD Director said only if it is determined that the project is over 20,000 square feet of impervious surface area, or has projects within protected shoreline area, which have wetland or wetland buffer impacts. Abbe said that area is a high wild life area. Chair Hardy asked to keep the Conservation Commission in the loop with this project. Deputy PCD Director O'Brien said that it will be sent out for departmental review and the Conservation Commission will receive a copy.

**Mihai motioned to allow the Conservation Commission Chair to write the departmental review letter on behalf of the Commission. Seconded by Carrier. All in favor. None opposed.**

**Rules and Procedure Update:** Deputy PCD Director O'Brien said that there will be a Public Hearing December 20<sup>TH</sup> at 6:30pm for amendments to the Rules and Procedures. The amendments were to allow the Ex-Officio as a voting member and changed the time to 6:30pm on the third Tuesday of the month at the Municipal Facility.

**Commercial Street Update:** Chair Hardy said the EPA emergency clean-up project is winding down for winter. There is still a cycle of reporting that will have to happen and the committee will continue to consult with the State Historic Preservation Office. He suspects they will be looking into spring before anything happen.

### **Next Meeting**

- December 20, 2022 @ 6:30 PM

A **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm was made by Carrier, seconded Abbe and passed by a unanimous vote.

*Respectfully submitted by  
Kearsten O'Brien, Recording Secretary*