

# Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes July 12, 2023

**Present:** Kathi Bradt, Janet Slocum, Gregg Thibodeau, Robin Ungeheuer

**Absent:** Jennifer Bland, Mark Girard, Scott Travers

**Guests:** Rob Traver

Meeting came to order 1900.

## Review/approve Minutes of July 12, 2023

- Minutes were reviewed JS made a motion to approve RU seconded – minutes approved.

## Organizational

- **New Member** – Rob reviewed his qualifications and experience. Motion made by GT and seconded by JS to recommend Rob as a ConCom member. Motion passed. GT to bring the recommendation to the Select Board.
- **Funds/Budget**
  - Forest Maintenance Fund \$3,907.35 (+\$0.33 interest)
  - Conservation Land Use Fund \$17,455.79 (+\$1.48 interest)
- **Conservation Plan**
  - Co-Occurrence Update (JS) – to begin working on a list of the priority areas for review in August.
  - Hydrology Update (GT) – to complete hydrology section.
  - Master Plan & Forest (KB)
  - Natural Resources (JS)
  - Rare, Endangered and Invasive Species (RT)
  - Geology
    - RU agreed to review the geology write up from the Master Plan to see if anything needs updating or changes.
- **Bylaws** – no change.

## Forestry and Conservation

- **Land Protection**
  - Intents to Cut
    1. 23-001-11-T: Duncan Road, Bascom map 242/lot 1; 15 acres of 139.6; 52 MBF, 110 tons of pulpwood; 80 cords of cordwood; David Bascom responsible for cut. *Members did not have any issues with this cut.*
  - Building, excavation, and other permits - None
    - Pierce Brook easement (Ernst) Property – Request made to swap 8 acres in and out of the conservation easement; GT reviewed this and there were no issues with the swapping of the property. Forest Society who oversees the property advised that portions of the property cannot be swapped and provided court precedents indicating that swapping properties were not allowed in a court of law.
  - Forestry complaints, concerns & other actions
    - Dodge Hollow Update – Plan created; measures taken.
    - Crescent Lake – Map 201 Lot 92 – Dishong dock lift possible violation.
    - Reviewed Keyes Hollow Wetland Map – observation: 70% of the Keyes Hollow wetland is in Lempster and does not appear to be in conservation.
    - Crescent Lake Tree Removal Inquiry – We reviewed the Vegetative Management for Water Quality pdf published by NH DES.
  - Forester actions and plans – South Acworth plan was submitted by our forester. Initial feedback was that the plan is sound and cost reasonable. We agreed to wait for Mark's return in late July to get his input.
  - Surveyor action and plans – Eric to provide a list of identified issues and schedule a review with KB and GT.
  - Tree Warden actions and plans – none
  - Easement Monitoring – confirm 2023 assignments.

- Town Owned Land Management
  - Update Prouty/Honey Brook Property - Map 250 lot 2 – No Change. Deed drafted. NH DOJ must review and then it will go to the Governor to be signed.
- **Water Protection** (Crescent Lake, Cold River, watersheds, wetlands, ponds, and perennial streams)
  - Permits - NHEWS File # 2022-02900 – Bildstein, 314 Crescent Lake – Additional dock permit input
  - Crescent Lake Water Quality Project Update

**Communications, Training and Outreach,**

- **Training-Education**
- **Community Outreach**
  - Volunteer Field Events – Crescent Lake Boundary Marking and Cleanup. Keyes Hollow Nature Trail
  - Educational topics – Climate Change Impacts; Coincide with work on the Conservation Plan
  - Commission Member Education Opportunity – Endangered and invasive species review
    - Mark Girard                      August New England Cottontail
- **Next Meeting** – Wednesday, 9 August 2023 at 7pm in the Town Hall.
- A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:24pm by JS and seconded by GT.

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