

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes November 10, 2021

Attendees:

Members: Jennifer Bland, Gregg Thibodeau, Mark Girard, Jim Jennison **Not Present:** Beverly Buxton
Volunteers: Scott Travers **Not Present:** Robin Westcott Ungeheuer, Elizabeth (Liz) Cubberley

Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2021 – *Reviewed with one correction. JJ added that Beverly was not present at the October meeting.*

Finance-Budget

- **Income**
 - Forest Maintenance Fund: \$3,904.66 (+\$0.03 interest only)
 - Conservation Land Use Fund: \$3,962.21 (+\$0.03 interest only)
- **Expense**
 - NH Association of Conservation Commissions \$250 to be paid in January 2022 per Kathi

Complaints, Concerns & Other Actions

- Keyes Hollow Road Update– September 25th incident and Camera results (See handouts)
 - **Action Required:** Gregg to retrieve north camera images and refresh batteries. Lock issue.
 - *Members reviewed the attached handout with the camera observations. No a*

Review Intents to Cut – New permits

- Map 241 Lot 10.3; Acres: 25.4; Acres to be cut: 1.0; Owner: Alisa Wright; Logger: Megan Henderson:2.3 MBF; 15tons of biomass. – *Commission members did not see any issues with this permit.*
- Map 241 Lots 10.1, 10.2 and 11; Acres: 58.49; Acres to be cut: 42.0; Owner: **not in original form**; Logger: Megan Henderson; 173 MBF; 1900 tons of pulpwood; 90 cords of cordwood.
 - *Corrected form received with owner listed.*
 - *Commission members did not see any further issues with this permit.*

New Conservation Easement Opportunity

- Kristian Fenderson: – No change; pending Kristian's discussion with a conservation lawyer. Gregg will continue to monitor.

Town Owned Land Recommendations

- List of parcels (4-5) due to Board of Selectmen NLT 1 April 2022.
- Crescent Lake Properties – Map 201 Lots 108, 107
- *Scott to review the parcels and access into map 206 lots 1 & 8 and Map 207 lots 6 and 14.*
- *Gregg and Mark to review Crescent Lake map 201, lots 36, 107 and 108*

2021 Monitoring

- No changes to any assignments. Please complete monitoring by Dec 1st. Work with Gregg to submit completed monitoring. E-mail reminders sent to the primary folk's week of 11/1.
- *Jim Jennison submitted the paperwork for LCIP 3 properties map and lot #'s, 220-9, 233-11, 233-16, 233-18*
- *Jen completed review of LCIP Raymond Roy, Five Points, etc. map and lot #'s, 220-1, 220-2, 222-9.1, 230-2, 231-6, 231-13, 232-5, 233-7, 233-8; Jen to provide paperwork for Gregg to review and submit.*
- *Jen also completed review of Pan Northern, Pierce Brook SPNHF map and lot #'s, 208-3, 208-13, 209-5, 216-16 and 217-24. Jen to submit via the online process. See our Acworth Easement Monitoring Tracker.*
- *Jen confirmed with Beverly that Beverly will complete the monitoring for the "Clark" LCIP properties, map and lot #'s 244-6, 244-5.*
- *Gregg completed along with our SPNHF steward a review of the SPNHF managed Keyes Hollow Area map 225-6, 226-9*

Communications & Events

- **NHACC Notes** – *GT reviewed his notes from this annual conference and the references that he obtained.*

- **iNaturalist** – *GT reviewed this software and how Chesterfield leveraged this to engage citizens in conservation activities that will help with their own Natural Resources Inventory.*

2022 Priorities & 2021 Annual Report

- Report due to Town NLT 1 Jan
 - Create Indexed List of All Natural resources
 - Continue to Identify Supporting Agencies
 - Create an Acworth Conservation Plan
 - Keep Accurate Records with an Annual Report
 - ****new**** Engage the community in conservation efforts through a variety of methods
 - Continue to manage our on-going and annual tasks
 - Review and approve all applicable permits (e.g., intents to cut, wetland permits, digging or dredge requests, etc.)
 - Address any issues or complaints as required
 - Manage funds as appropriate
 - Recruit members
 - Maintain communications with the town, via webpage, Facebook and the town's newsletter
 - Conduct all conservation plan identified activities
 - Manage meeting minutes
 - Organize and conduct annual Green-Up Day activities
 - Manage annual easement monitoring requirements
 - Conduct Review of Town Owned Properties (every 2 years)
- *Members agreed that this would be a good format and content for our annual report. GT to complete the report for submission to Kathi in Dec.*

2022 Anticipated Expenses & Yearly Ask

- Historical yearly ask: \$700
- Known estimated costs: \$1250
 - \$450 – membership and conference costs
 - \$250 NHACC membership
 - \$200 conference attendance fees: Land Trust Coalition, NH Cooperative Extension/NH F&G
 - \$100 One Time Direct Mailer Flyer – Education Series
 - \$700 projector and project screen cost; possibly this could be a shared resource to all committees/departments within the Town.
 - Other TBD?
- *We reviewed the above and the consensus was that we should ask for more that these numbers were too close to the required amounts.*
- *GT update the request and provide to Kathi.*

Other business

- TBD

Non-Public Discussion – *Began at 7:55pm and concluded at 8:15pm. Meeting closed at 8:15pm.*

Next Meeting: December 8th, 7pm, Town Hall

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