

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes February 15, 2023

Member Attendees: Scott Travers, Terry Mattson (alt), Kathi Brandt, Janet Slocum, Gregg Thibodeau

Not Present: Mark Girard, Jennifer Bland

Other Attendees: Robin Ungeheuer, Jennifer Griffin

Motion to approve minutes of December 14, 2022; motion and second – KB/JS; passed.

Motion to approve minutes of January 11, 2023; motion and second – JS/ST; passed.

Organizational

- **New alternate recommendations**

- Motion made to recommend Robin Ungeheuer and Jennifer Griffin as alternate members. motion made – second – KB/ST ;passed.
- **Action:** GT to forward recommendation to the Select Board.
- Once approved Jennifer and Robin will contact Charlotte to be sworn in.
- The commission is almost fully staffed with 6 members and 3 alternates. Short only one member at this time.

- **Funds/Budget**

- Forest Maintenance Fund: \$3,905.75 (+\$0.34 interest)
- Conservation Land Use Fund: \$17,448.62 (+\$1.53 interest)

- **Conservation Plan**

- General agreement to move forward with the contents of the plan as outlined in the table of contents.
- Discussion occurred regarding what other examples have we used.
- JS provided an update on her efforts to create co-occurrences map and data. We discussed the need to define what our desired criteria is. **Action:** GT to forward JS our contact Olivia from Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) to see if they can assist with co-occurrences. **Action:** GT to review Acworth 2004 co-occurrence criteria and other town examples.
- **Action:** GT to check with Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission for other plan examples.
- **Action:** GT to add the management of our Conservation Plan to our By-laws.
- **Action:** JG mentioned that she could forward CT River Joint Commission information regarding Climate Migration. GT may attend this session.
- **Action:** KS offered to update the Master Plan Summary portion of the plan.

Forestry and Conservation

- **Land Protection**

- Intents to Cut
 - No concerns with 22-001-20; 11/11/23 – Gove Road-Sirkin; logger/forester – Leo Maslan
 - No concerns with 22-001-21; 1/14/23 – Rhoades Road-Morales
 - Some concerns regarding the logging on 22-001-22 Route 123A-Miller; Map 255 lot 2.1; map 256 lot 1;
 - It appears they are removing a lot of the trees and we believe it is in an area that is a significant wildlife habitat area.
 - 70 acre lots; 50 acres to cut; 50K MBF white pine; 10K MBF hemlock; 1.2K MBF oak; 1K MBF ash; 2.5K soft maple; 12K MBF pallet; 50 cords cordwood.
 - **Action:** JS to do some map work to confirm our concerns.
 - This might be worth a conversation with the landowner and forester. We cannot stop the work, but we could inform the landowner forester/logger of the habitat.
- Building, excavation, and other permits
 - NH DES Land Resource Management File # 2022-00065 – Palmer Heino Rd, 209 Lot #15 – No further action required.
- Forestry complaints, concerns & other actions

- Dodge Hollow Trail Entrance Update – Plan created; diagram with measures pending.
 - It was discussed that DiMarzio may have contacted Bob Skinner to construct a gate for the Class VI road.
 - Perry Mountain Update – See 11 Jan notes
 - Crescent Lake Map 201-Lot 106 (Fong) – incursion of materials into the town owned lot 107, pending confirmation.
 - Forester actions and plans – Jeff is working on an estimate for the creation of the plan.
 - Create schedule & a list requirements (GT, MG)
 - Surveyor action and plans
 - Surveys in-progress for Crescent Lake town owned properties (map 201, lots 107 & 108) Due Jan 2023; Note sent to Eric 2/8.
 - Tree Warden actions and plans – None
 - Easement Monitoring – Society for the Protection of NH Forests (SPNHF) – 3 properties Acworth Town Forest, East Acworth (Keyes Hollow) and Prince (Ernst-Pierce Brook) had no concerns from this years monitoring.
 - Town Owned Land Management
 - Update Map 250 lot 2 (Prouty) – Gregg, Charlotte to work with state to finalize actions required.
- **Water Protection** (Crescent Lake, Cold River, watersheds, wetlands, ponds, and perennial streams)
 - Permits – None
 - Water quality and testing tools

Communications, Training and Outreach,

- **Community Outreach**
 - Volunteer events – Crescent Lake Town Owned Lot Boundary and Cleanup. Keyes Hollow Nature Trail Cleanup
 - Educational events – Climate Change Impacts
 - Commission Member Education Opportunity – Endangered and invasive species review
 - Jennifer Bland Apr TBD
 - Janet Slocum May 4 bumble bees and bittersweet
 - Mark Girard Jun New England Cottontail
- **Next Meetings –**
 - 08 March 2023 (historically we typically do not meet in March, **however** our meeting is the week before the town meeting this year. Let’s plan on meeting.)
 - 12 April 2023

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