

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes November 09, 2022

Attendees:

Members - Terry Mattson, Jennifer Bland, Mark Girard, Scott Travers, Gregg Thibodeau, Kathi Bradt

NH DES – Joe Schmidt, Wayne Ives, Tracie Sales

Interested Parties – Robin Westcott-Ungeheuer, Jennifer Griffin

NH DES to Provide Overview of Cold River Instream Flow Monitoring

- DES will be providing us with the presentation which we will post and share.
- We will also incorporate the (1) DES Instream Flow monitoring of the Cold River, (2) the pending DES flow management plan, (3) the Cold River Advisory Committee’s (CRAC) management plan and other (4) CRAC actions in our Conservation Plan for Acworth. This will ensure that the current ConCom and all future ConCom continue to work with DES and CRAC to ensure that the Cold River is protected.
- We will be contacting DES to discuss water quality monitoring. Here is what I found so far.
 - CRAC – The CRAC web site does reference some water quality monitoring - <https://coldrivernh.weebly.com/what-we-do.html>; We will work with them to confirm what service they provide.
 - CRAC site references the DES, Consolidated Assessment Listing Methodology (CALM) - <https://www.des.nh.gov/resource-center/publications?keys=SWQAcalm&purpose=&subcategory=>
 - DES Water Quality - <https://www.nhms4.des.nh.gov/nh-resources/water-quality>
 - DES CALM reference to classification and criteria - “Water quality criteria for each classification may be found in RSA 485-A:8, I-V”
 - DES ArcGIS Mapper for Water Quality Assessment Viewer - <https://nhdes.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=d1ba9c5ec85646538e032580e23174f7>
 - Goal would be to reference any/all water quality monitoring that is conducted for the Cold River in our Conservation Plan.

Review/approve Minutes of October 12, 2022 – motion made to approve by MG, 2nd by KB. Motion passed.

Organizational

• Funds/Budget

- Forest Maintenance Fund: \$3,905.05 (+\$0.03 interest)
- Conservation Land Use Fund: \$17,445.50 (+\$0.14 interest)
- Members agreed to the following budget items. One recommendation was made by MG and was added for survey \$\$ for the Town Forests.

Item #	Description	Details	Est. Expense	Carry Over, Annual Expense, or New	Applicable Fund	Notes
1	Forest Management Plan	Update forest management plan for the 2 town forests	\$ 3,500	Carryover	Forest Maintenance Fund (FMF)	Forester hired in 2022; staggered approach
2	Keyes Hollow Nature Trail	Clear, re-establish nature trail	\$ 300	Carryover	Conservation Land Use Fund (CLUF)	Delayed to 2023
3	Survey 2 Town Properties	Survey 2 Town Owned Properties (Map 201 lots 107 and 108)	\$ 6,400	Carryover	Conservation Land Use Fund (CLUF)	Surveyor hired Oct 2022
4	2 or 3 Educational Sessions	Materials, speakers, direct mailer	\$ 400	Carryover	Conservation Land Use Fund (CLUF)	Delayed to 2023
6	Maps	8 maps 2’x3’	\$ 300	Carryover	Conservation Land Use Fund (CLUF)	Delayed to 2023
7	Conference and Annual Fees	NHACC, NHTOA, NH University Cooperative	\$ 450	Annual	Conservation Land Use Fund (CLUF)	
8	Crescent Lake Annual Monitoring	Acworth share of Monitoring	\$ 352	Annual	Conservation Land Use Fund (CLUF)	
9a	Survey a Portion of Town Forest	TBD	\$ 400	New	Forest Maintenance Fund (FMF)	Will leverage balance of FMF; remaining balance to be covered by CLUF.
9b	Survey a Portion of Town Forest	TBD	\$ 2,000	New	Conservation Land Use Fund (CLUF)	
Total 2023 Expenses:			\$ 14,102			

Forestry and Conservation

• Land Protection

- Intents to Cut – No issues were found with any of the following 5 intents to cut.
 - Map 244 Lot 2, Ryan/Duncan Road, Bascom, acreage 61, acreage to cut: 50, 192 MBF, 300 tons pulp wood, 40 cords of cordwood, approved 10/17 JJ.
 - Map 233 Lot 5&6, Hoagland Road, acreage: 73; to cut: 23, D. Hoagland III, logger: Byer, Aaron, 137 MBF, 180 tons pulpwood, 40 cords of cordwood, approved 10/17 JJ
 - 22-001-16, map 233, lot 4, Derry Hill, Bascom, 1.8 of 1.8 acres, 6 MBF, 30 tons of pulp, 30 cords
 - 22-001-17, map 233, lot 20, Derry Hill, Jennison, Bascom, 6 of 137 acres, 6 MBF, 40 pulp, 20 cords
 - 22-001-18, map 227, lot 1, River Road, Comeau/Renzelmon, 18 of 20 acres, 131 MBF, 75 pulp, 50 cords
- Building, excavation, and other permits
 - 2022-02551 Permit by Notification (PBN) – 244-2 Bascom – Complete and meets state requirements; no action required by ConCom
 - 2022-02659 Permit by Notification (PBN) – 216-9 Travers – Complete and meets state requirements; no action required by ConCom
- Forestry complaints, concerns & other actions
 - Dodge Hollow Update - **Action:** GT to create a plan (*push to January meeting*)
 - Perry Mountain (GT, ST) – Completed assessment; ; no further action required by ConCom
- Forester actions and plans
 - Create schedule & a list requirements (GT, MG)
- Surveyor action and plans – Review Green Top Proposal
 - Surveys in-progress for Crescent Lake town owned properties (map 201, lots 107 & 108)
- Tree Warden actions and plans - None
- Easement Monitoring
 - **All 2022 monitoring due NLT 28 Nov 2022.**
- Town Owned Land Management
 - Map 250 lot 2 – Select board agreed to move forward with the plan to transfer this property to the state and Honey Brook State Park. **Action:** Charlotte to confirm steps required to complete this transaction. GT to work with the state to outline the process.
 - Map 230 lot 3-Ball – JB to complete conservation land assessment form; JB completed this assessment, and it is posted.

• Water Protection (Crescent Lake, Cold River, watersheds, wetlands, ponds, and perennial streams)

- Permits –
 - Dion Wetland Permit -2022-02900 – dock enhancements – pending DES approval; ; no action required by ConCom

• Culvert Inventory & Assessment Effort

- The town (budget, planning, Concom and select board) have agreed to follow through with the investigation, planning and determine funding option for a comprehensive assessment of our culverts with support from the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission.
- **Action:** Concom is to take a lead role and GT will assess grant options.
- **Action:** Kathi to determine how this effort should be represented in our 2023 budget.

Communications, Training and Outreach,

• Community Outreach

- Volunteer events
- Educational events
 - 14 Dec 6pm - Lake Sunapee Protective Association (LSPA) – “Let’s Be Clear” Campaign Overview. (TM), **Action:** GT and TM to invite the public, flyers, Facebook posts, etc.

- Commission Member Education Opportunity – Endangered and invasive species review
 - Kathi Bradt Jan brown thrasher (end) and honeysuckle (inv)
 - Jennifer Bland Feb TBD
 - Janet Slocum Mar 4 bumble bees and bittersweet
 - Mark Girard Apr New England Cottontail

- **Next Meeting** – 14 December 2022, 6pm (**new** time to support LSPA presentation)