



**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING**

Friday, October 16, 2015 6:00 PM
City Hall, Council Chambers, Claremont, NH

**MINUTES
Approved 11/19/2015**

Chairperson Harlow called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

I. Roll Call

Present: Dianne Harlow, Gary Dickerman, Stephen Wood, Scott Magnuson

Absent: Nicholas Koloski, Kimberly Gogan, Cortney Nichols

II. Review of Minutes of Preceding Meeting(s)

a. September 17, 2015

Corrections:

- Page 2 – delete the word “in” in the 8th bullet;
- Page 3 – change \$19 to \$419

Motion: To accept the minutes of September 17, 2015 as corrected.

Made by: Mr. Dickerman **Second:** Mr. Magnuson **Vote:** Unanimous in favor

b. October 7, 2015

Motion: To accept the minutes of October 7, 2015 as presented.

Made by: Mr. Magnuson **Second:** Mr. Dickerman **Vote:** Unanimous in favor

III. Finance Report

The Commission did not have a finance report for this month.

IV. Public Comment

No public comment. There was no one in the audience.

V. Old Business

a. Invasive Species Tour

All agreed that the invasive plant species tour at Moody Park on October 7th was a great success. Twenty-six people attended. Everyone learned a great deal. The presenters were very knowledgeable. It was also agreed that there is more work to do.

Mr. Wood said that he had started cutting down and removing the berries from the large growth of bittersweet at the edge of the lawn at the top of the hill. He said it would be helpful to have a few more people to help finish it.

The Commission discussed scheduling a work party. Mrs. Harlow suggested that the Commissioners themselves work on finishing the bittersweet project and then work with Lionel Chute to organize a larger work project. It was agreed to continue discussing it.

b. Status of Judy Wells' issue

Mr. Dickerman, Mr. Wood and Mrs. Harlow met with Ms. Wells and reviewed the list of tasks that had been generated by the City Planner, Mike McCrory, for repairs to the retaining wall along the rail trail. Mrs. Harlow said Ms. Wells understood what needed to be done and was waiting to hear back from her contractor. It was agreed to discuss this again at the November meeting.

c. Rail Trail R.O.W. survey/monumentation

Mr. Wood had not yet spoken to Mr. McCutcheon regarding this project.

d. Conservation Plan

Some of the Commissioners are planning to attend the NHACC Annual Meeting and workshops, some of which will pertain to this topic. It was agreed to discuss this after the Annual Meeting.

VI. New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

VII. Communications

The Commission received a DES field inspection report regarding discharge from a pipe into a brook on Spring Farm Road. The stream bank had been damaged as a result of the pipe's installation and water quality was affected by the pipe's discharge. The inspection was made in response to a neighbor's complaint. The report was dated July 2015. According to a letter that was received along with the report, a restoration plan had already been submitted and approved. The restoration work was to have been completed by September 11th. The communications did not call for any action on the part of the Commission.

The Commissioners questioned the timing of the communications. They felt that the Commission should have been notified much earlier in the proceedings and not after their completion. Mrs. Harlow offered to contact DES and request more timely communications.

Dennis McKenney, consulting forester for the management of publically-owned forest land in Claremont (and some in Cornish), has contacted Mr. Wood about possible bid-openings for scheduled timber harvesting on Cat Hole Road and at Arrowhead.

VIII. Other Business

a. Bobby Woodman sign

Mrs. Harlow said that the fourth sign is still not up. She suggested placing it at the Chestnut Street crossing. It is hoped to get this done this fall as it has been five years since Mr. Woodman's passing.

IX. **Adjournment**

Motion: To adjourn the meeting

Made by: Mr. Dickerman **Second:** Mr. Magnuson **Vote:** Unanimous in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Resource Coordinator