



**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING**

Thursday, February 19, 2015 7:00 PM
City Hall, Council Chambers, Claremont, NH

**MINUTES
Approved 3/19/2015**

- I. **Roll Call**
Present: Steve Wood, Cortney Nichols, Gary Dickerman, Scott Magnuson, Kimberly Gogan (arrived at 7:15)
Absent: Dianne Harlow, Nick Koloski

- II. **Review of Minutes of Preceding Meeting(s)**
 - a. **January 15, 2015**
Correction: Change location of meeting to City Hall, Council Chambers
Motion: To accept the minutes as corrected
Made by: Mr. Dickerman **Second:** Ms. Nichols **Vote:** Unanimous in favor

- III. **Finance Report**
The Commission reviewed the financial statement dated 12/31/13 (?). All agreed that it appeared up to date.

- IV. **Public Comment**
No public comments were received.

- V. **Old Business**
 - Update of Conservation Camp sponsorships**
Three applications have been received. March 1st is the deadline.

 - a. **Update on waiver for rail-trail motorized vehicles**
There was no new information on the waiver.

- VI. **New Business**
 - a. **Wetlands Permit application for Foisy Hill Road (Tom Woodley)**
Scott Sweet, assistant DPW Director, presented a wetlands permit application for a project on Foisy Hill Road. Approximately 900 feet of the road are being upgraded from Class 6 to Class 5. 2900 SF of wetlands will be impacted by the project. The Commission had no concerns after reviewing the application and discussing it with Mr. Sweet.
Motion: The Conservation Commission supports submission of the wetlands permit application for the project on Foisy Hill Road as presented.
Made by: Ms. Nichols **Second:** Mr. Dickerman **Vote:** Unanimous in favor

Everyone welcomed new member, Kimberly Gogan.

Mr. Wood informed the Commission that the current owners of the former Claremont Gasworks plant off of North Street are working to remove the hazardous materials from the site. He assumed that the Conservation Commission has not been involved in the project due to the magnitude of the project. Mr. Sweet said he had attended a meeting with the property owners (Synergy Gas), EPA and DES to discuss the work to be done. The buildings will be removed and surface materials removed down to ledge. The land will be given to the City when the work is completed. They are hoping to start work in April or May of this year.

VII. **Communications**

a. **NHACC's response to our survey reply**

Nik Coates from NHACC acknowledged the Commission's survey response.

b. **NHACC Action Alert**

Mr. Wood received an action alert email from NHACC regarding legislative action on various bills (timber taxes, current use penalties).

c. **Upper Valley Conservation Commissions Gathering, Feb. 26**

Mr. Wood announced this event would be at 6PM in the Community Room at the Kilton Library in West Lebanon. It is sponsored by the Upper Valley Land Trust. Mr. Wood distributed a summary of the Commission's 2014 activities to hand out at the gathering and also to perhaps share with City Council.

VIII. **Other Business**

a. **250th Committee Meeting (re: Visitors Park plans)**

Mr. Wood recently attended a meeting of the 250th celebration committee to hear their plans for projects at the Visitor Center. He said the committee was looking to partner with the Conservation Commission and the Parks and Rec Commission to further the projects.

b. **Election of Officers for 2015**

It was decided to postpone the elections until Mrs. Harlow could be in attendance.

IX. **Adjournment**

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Resource Coordinator