



**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING**

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

**MINUTES
Approved 5/21/2015**

- I. **Roll Call**
Present: Dianne Harlow, Gary Dickerman, Steve Wood, Scott Magnuson
Absent: Nick Koloski, Cortney Nichols, Kim Gogan

- II. **Review of Minutes of Preceding Meeting(s)**
 - a. **February 19, 2015**
Motion: To accept the minutes of February 19th as presented.
Made by: Mr. Dickerman **Second:** Mr. Magnuson **Vote:** Dickerman,
Wood, Magnuson – in favor; Harlow - Abstain

- III. **Finance Report**
The Commission reviewed the latest financial report. It was noted that no activity or change has occurred since the last report.

- IV. **Public Comment**
There was no public comment.

- V. **Old Business**
 - a. **Update on waiver for rail-trail motorized vehicles**
No update has been received.

- VI. **New Business**
 - a. **Review/approve applications for Conservation Camp sponsorships**
Mrs. Harlow distributed copies of letters received from six children who are seeking full or part sponsorships for this year's conservation camps. She noted that some of the camps are already full, but new applicants can ask to be placed on a waiting list. The Commission reviewed the letters. Mrs. Harlow said she would follow up with phone calls to each of the applicants.
Motion: To provide scholarships to all of the applicants subject to camp availability.
Made by: Mr. Dickerman **Second:** Mrs. Harlow **Vote:** Unanimous in favor

 - b. **Wetlands Permit Application – Arrowhead Recreation Area**
Mark Brislin, Parks & Recreation Director, presented the wetlands permit application for work to be done at Arrowhead Recreation Area. He said 2,367 SF of wetlands would be impacted by the work – 1,636 SF of which are considered after-the-fact impacts. The Commission discussed the project with Mr. Brislin and had no concerns.

There was much discussion regarding the overall wetland permit application process, noting that the City Clerk had already signed this application before the Commission had reviewed it. The consensus was that the Commission should be getting the applications earlier in the process and that they needed a better understanding of the process.

Motion: To accept wetlands permit application #2015-00345 for 18 Robert Easter Way (tax map/lot 144/10)

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

Mr. Wood signed two copies of the application – one for the files and one to send to DES.

c. Review Upper Valley Conservation Commissions Gathering, Feb. 26th

Mr. Wood said he had attended the gathering. He shared highpoints of it with the Commission and said he would email the PowerPoint presentation of the main speaker to the Commission.

VII. Communications

- a. **Saving Special Places 2015 Conference**
- b. **Big Trees of New Hampshire**

VIII. Other Business

- a. **Election of Officers for 2015**

Mr. Dickerman nominated Mrs. Harlow to be chair of the Commission.

Mrs. Harlow nominated Mr. Dickerman to be vice-chair of the Commission.

Mr. Magnuson motioned to accept both nominations. All were in favor.

IX. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
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Resource Coordinator