



**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING**

Thursday, March 31, 2016 6:00 PM
City Hall, Council Chambers, Claremont, NH

MINUTES

Approved with corrections 4/25/2016

Mrs. Harlow called the meeting order at 6:02 PM.

- I. **Roll Call**
Present: Dianne Harlow, Gary Dickerman, Steve Wood, Nicholas Koloski
Absent: Scott Magnuson, Kim Gogan
- II. **Review of Minutes of Preceding Meeting(s)**
 - a. **February 29, 2016**
Motion: To accept the minutes of the February 29, 2016 meeting.
Made by: Mr. Dickerman **Second:** Mr. Wood
Vote: Unanimous in favor
- III. **Finance Report**
There was no financial report to review.
- IV. **Public Comment**
Eileen Skowronski attended the meeting to observe the Commission as she is considering applying for a seat.
- V. **Old Business**
 - a. **Friends of Moody Park – update**
Mrs. Harlow said a couple of people have signed up to be Friends of Moody Park.
 - b. **Invasive Species in Moody Park – update**
There was no update.
 - c. **Bobby Woodman Sign**
There was no update.
 - d. **Update on Judy Well’s retaining wall repair project**
There was no update.
 - e. **Update on Rail Trail R.O.W. monumentation – update**
Mrs. Harlow heard back from many of the representatives that she had emailed regarding the waiver application. NH DOT approves of the waiver and is

recommending to the Federal Highway Administration that the waiver be granted on the grounds that the grant funds were awarded for the acquisition and preservation of the rail bed – there was no language excluding the motorized vehicles. Mrs. Harlow anticipated a decision in the near future and recommended that the Commission look into applying for an RTP grant to cut hazard trees along the trail.

f. Conservation Plan – next steps

Plans are still in place for a work session for April 9th.

g. Barry Conservation Camp Sponsorships

Motion: To expend \$990 to provide camperships for two campers (\$495 each) to Barry Conservation Camp pending receipt of final paperwork to the Conservation Commission.

Made by: Mr. Dickerman **Second:** Mr. Wood

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

h. Hannah Putnam (added by Mrs. Harlow)

Mrs. Harlow asked Mr. Dickerman to contact Lionel Chute about the community service activities planned for April 15th, 11 AM – 1 PM. Students will be expected to sign liability waivers. They will be transported to the Park by the School and will be accompanied by their teachers.

VI. New Business

a. LED street light conversion (DPW)

Vic St. Pierre, Assistant DPW Director, spoke to the Commission about a proposed project to convert the City's streetlights from high pressure sodium to LED. The LED lights would be a higher quality, whiter light, and be dark-sky friendly. The new lights will provide a substantial cost savings to the City. The goal is to have all of the lights converted by March 2017. The cost is approximately \$300,000. Financing is still undetermined. Mr. St. Pierre said he was looking for a vote of support for the project from the Commission.

Motion: To support the LED-conversion project.

Made by: Mr. Koloski **Second:** Mr. Dickerman

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

VII. Communications

a. Ashley Ferry Public Boat Launch – additional information

The Commission reviewed the additional information provided by Stantec to NHDES with regard to the Ashley Ferry Public Boat Launch annual dredging proposal.

The Commission discussed the idea of cleaning up the cartop boat-launch area. As the land belongs to the State, they will need to work with the Fish and Game Department. Mr. Dickerman will spearhead the project with assistance from Mr. Koloski.

VIII. **Other Business**

IX. **Adjournment**

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Made by: Mr. Dickerman **Second:** Mr. Wood

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

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The meeting adjourned at 6:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
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