



**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING**

Tuesday, April 26, 2016 6:00 PM
City Hall, Council Chambers, Claremont, NH

**MINUTES
Approved 5/24/2016**

I. Roll Call

Present: Steve Wood, Dianne Harlow, Gary Dickerman, Kim Gogan
Absent: Nick Koloski

II. Review of Minutes of Preceding Meeting(s)

a. March 31, 2016

Corrections:

- (1) Barry Camp sponsorships are \$495 each
- (2) "Shute" should be "Chute"
- (3) Boat launch discussion – Mr. Dickerman will spearhead the project with assistance from Mr. Koloski

Motion: To accept the minutes as corrected.

Made by: Mr. Dickerman **Second:** Ms. Gogan

Vote: Unanimous in favor

III. Finance Report

The Commission reviewed the finance report. \$5,000 has been transferred to the Commission's account. \$5.22 interest has been earned as of March 2016.

IV. Public Comment

Jan Lambert, editor of the Valley Green Journal, asked the Commission to consider creating a "pollinator garden" in the cleared area at the top of Moody Park. She proposed a meeting with the Commission, Gary Hawkes, and Lionel Chute at the Park on May 24th to discuss the idea.

Mrs. Harlow said that Mark Brislin, director of the Parks and Recreation Department, had to be involved in any projects in the Park as the Park is their jurisdiction. Mrs. Harlow said she would see if Mr. Brislin is available on the 24th.

The Commission thanked Ms. Lambert for her presentation.

V. Old Business

a. Friends of Moody Park – update

The Commission agreed that it was time to set up another meeting. There is some confusion as to who is "in charge". Ms. Gogan said she understood that the

Commission would serve as liaison and collaborate with other groups. She said she would like to meet with the local bike group and work on collaborating projects for the next year. Everyone agreed with the idea.

b. Invasive Species in Moody Park – update

The Commission tentatively agreed to meet with Gary Hawkes on May 24th, which is also the date of their next monthly meeting. Mr. Dickerman was concerned about follow-up from the work that the high school students did on Volunteer Day and didn't want to see the ball get dropped.

The Commission returned to discussing the Lambert proposal. For example, how much will it cost and who would pay for it? Is this the most ecologically appropriate thing to do there? Does the public want to see this type of project in the Park? All agreed that more information and discussion is needed.

c. Bobby Woodman Sign

Mrs. Harlow said that now that the ground had thawed, the sign could be put up. She will suggest a good location for it to Mr. Brislin.

d. Update on Judy Well's retaining wall repair project

There was no new information on this project. The Commission asked that it be removed from the agenda.

e. Update on Rail Trail R.O.W. monumentation – update

Mr. Wood suggests that the Commission use the maps of the trail and attempt to locate on the ground the landmarks that are shown on the map. Ms. Gogan suggested the Commission combine the activity with their next workshop activities on May 14th. All agreed. The workshop location is tentatively at the High School. Ms. Gogan will confirm.

f. Conservation Plan – Rough draft corrections/discussion

Discussion of the Plan was deferred until after the workshop on May 14th.

g. Update on Stevens High School Community Volunteer Day

All agreed that the event went very well – there was much positive feedback and great comments received from all parties.

VI. New Business

a. Permission for Dianne to purchase mulch at Home Depot for Bobby Woodman Trail

Motion: To authorize Mrs. Harlow to purchase mulch at Home Depot for use on the rail trail.

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

Vote: Unanimous in favor

VII. Communications

a. NHDES Letter re: 120 Bible Hill Road

Mr. Dickerman said that the map and lot number given on the letter is incorrect. The letter is in regards to a complaint that alleges wetland filling and re-routed drainage.

- b. Wetlands Permit #2015-03304 has been approved for dredging the boat ramp at Ashley's Ferry.

VIII. **Other Business**

Mr. Dickerman asked if the Commission should own some of the weed-pullers that Mr. Wood and Ms. Lambert have used in the Park. The Commission discussed the idea – what brand and size would be best, where would they be stored, is this an allowable purchase with Conservation Commission funds - and ultimately decided to purchase two of the devices.

Motion: To purchase two weed wrenches in an amount not to exceed \$300.

Made by: Mr. Dickerman **Second:** Ms. Gogan

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

The 2016 NHACC invoice was in the packet. It was determined that the Commission had already voted in favor of paying the invoice at an earlier meeting, but motioned to approve it in case they had not already done so.

Motion: To pay the NHACC invoice for 2016 membership.

Made by: Ms. Gogan **Second:** Mr. Dickerman

Vote: Unanimous in favor

IX. **Adjournment**

Motion: To adjourn the meeting

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

Vote: Unanimous in favor

Respectfully submitted,
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