



CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
WORK SESSION  
Thursday, April 6, 2017  
Visitor Center, 14 North Street, Claremont, NH

MINUTES  
Approved 5/2/2017

Mrs. Harlow called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM and asked for a roll call.

I. **Roll Call**

**Present:** Eileen Skowronski, Steve Wood, Dianne Harlow, Scott Magnuson, Gary Dickerman

**Absent:** Kim Gogan, Nick Koloski

II. **Review of Minutes of Preceding Meeting(s)**

a. **March 7, 2017**

Mr. Wood asked that the last sentence in the *Financial* paragraph on page 1 be changed as follows:

*"Between 2009 and 2011, the Commission did not receive any funds as no properties were ~~sold~~ taken out of current use."*

**Motion:** To accept the minutes of the March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 work session as amended.

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

**Vote:** Unanimous in favor

III. **Prioritize goals & objectives of:**

a. **Master Plan *Natural Resources* chapter**

b. **Stevens Brook Conservation Easement**

The Commission spent most of the session developing a work plan for the Stevens Brook Conservation Easement. (See Attachment A)

c. **Conservation Plan**

IV. **Communications**

V. **Other Business**

**Motion:** To expend \$2,700 from Conservation Commission funds for the Horizons bid for the scope of services as described in the *Agreement for Surveying Services* dated March 20, 2017 for the Stevens Brook Conservation Easement area.

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

**Vote:** Unanimous in favor

### **Pollinator Gardens**

The Commission decided to try establishing a pollinator garden in the triangular traffic island in the intersection of Broad and Chestnut Streets. The land is part of the Broad Street Park and thus under the control of the Parks & Recreation Department. Mrs. Harlow said there was a beautiful flower garden there in the not-too-distant past that was taken out, reasons unclear. Mrs. Harlow will talk to Director Mark Brislin about the idea. Ms. Skowronski said she will talk about the idea with the Claremont Garden Club and perhaps enlist their aide in designing the garden. The Commission would like to have a design, a list of plant species to plant, the number of plants of each species that will be needed, and an estimated cost by their next meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Community Service Day**

Community Service Day is April 21<sup>st</sup>. Mrs. Harlow believes that Mark Brislin will be sending two groups of students to Moody Park and three groups to the rail trail, although she was uncertain as to their exact tasks at either location. It was suggested that someone from the Commission call Lionel Chute to coordinate the work at Moody Park.

### **Rail Trail**

The Commission decided the next step will be to develop their own vision of the rail trail before they meet with the Parks & Recreation Commission. They would like to enlist the aid of the Regional Planning Commission for both tasks. In preparation, the Commissioners will walk sections of the trail and discuss their ideas for educational opportunities, improvements, base users, etc.

### **Next Meetings**

Next Regular Meeting – April 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM, City Hall

Next Work Session – May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00 PM, Visitor Center

Walk on the Rail Trail – May 18<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 PM, starting at the CSBCC, ending up back at City Hall for the regular May meeting at 6:00 PM

## **VI. Adjournment**

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting

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

**Vote:** Unanimous in favor

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

**Respectfully submitted,**

*de Forest Bearse*



