



**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING**

Tuesday, May 2, 2017 6:00 PM
Visitor Center, 14 North Street, Claremont, NH

**MINUTES
Approved 5/18/2017**

Mrs. Harlow called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and asked for a roll call.

I. Roll Call

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

Absent: Nick Koloski

II. Review of Minutes of Preceding Meeting(s)

a. April 6, 2017

Motion: To accept the minutes as written

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

Vote: Unanimous in favor

III. Prioritize goals & objectives of:

a. Master Plan *Natural Resources* chapter

b. Conservation Plan

The Commission decided to work on the Conservation Plan first due to the length of the *Natural Resources* chapter.

Goal #1, Recommendation – This will be ongoing.

Goal #1, objective 1: Signage would include:

- the Stevens Brook Easement boundaries
- some areas along the Bobby Woodman Trail

It was decided that this should be done right away.

Goal #1, objective 2: There was much discussion regarding methods of sharing information, including:

- CCTV (though its reach may be limited and generational)
- The NHACC website
- The City's website
- Facebook

- Physical presence at public events or the transfer station

It was decided that this should be addressed right away, but that it will be ongoing.

Goal #1, objective 3: This should be addressed right away.

Goal #1, objective 5: It was agreed that a monthly newsletter would be difficult to keep up with and expensive to publish. A quarterly, digital newsletter might be more realistic. A brochure that is updated annually may also be a possibility. The City's eBlast, News page, and short "sound bites" on the Conservation Commission web page are also possible means of sharing information

The Commission decided that the objectives needed action steps to make this exercise more meaningful, so everyone chose a goal to work out the steps.

Goal #1 – Kim

Goal #2 – Scott

Goal #3, 7 – Gary

Goal #4 – Eileen

Goal #5 – Steve

Goal #6 – Dianne

The steps will be shared at the next meeting.

IV. **Communications**

V. **Other Business**

a. **T-Shirts**

Ms. Skowronski presented information on various types of shirts from the Ink Factory. Commissioners chose the color, style and number of shirts they wished to purchase. Ms. Skowronski will bring price information to the next meeting.

b. **Easement Monitoring (Gary)**

Mr. Dickerman attended the (indoor portion of the) easement monitoring workshop on April 22nd. He found it very helpful and has volunteered to monitor the Livingston Farm easement and another easement in Unity.

c. **Current Use**

There is a very high percentage of properties in Claremont that are enrolled in the Current Use program. The assessing office is in the process of checking all of the enrolled properties to ensure compliance with the program. Mr. Dickerman shared copies of a write-up from Marlene Jordan that describes the current use program.

d. **Set date for site visit**

The Commission will conduct a site visit at 492 Washington Street on May 15th at 6:00 PM to view the wetlands.

e. **Set date for Stevens Brook monitor walk**

The Commission will view the Stevens Brook conservation easement on Saturday, May 13th at 1:00 PM.

f. Contact Lindsay Webb

The Commission would like to invite Lindsay Webb, public relations coordinator from the Fish and Game Department, to come tour the Stevens Brook Easement area to discuss ideas for trail layout.

VI. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting

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

Vote: Unanimous in favor

Respectfully submitted,

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