



**CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING**

Monday, May 4, 2015 5:00 PM  
City Hall, Council Chambers, Claremont, NH

**MINUTES  
Approved 5/21/2015**

**I. Roll Call**

**Present:** Dianne Harlow, Gary Dickerman, Steve Wood, Scott Magnuson, Cortney Nichols  
**Absent:** Nick Koloski, Kim Gogan

Chairperson Harlow called the meeting to order at 5:03. She then recused herself from the ensuing discussion and vote because of her membership in the Sullivan County ATV Club. Mr. Dickerman took over as chair for the meeting. Attorney Taylor noted for the record that the Commission still had a quorum without the participation of Mrs. Harlow.

**II. New Business**

**a. Rail Trail Update**

City Solicitor, Jane Taylor, briefly updated the Commission on the status of the application for a waiver to allow motorized vehicles to use the rail trail. The application requests the waiver for the 1.8-mile section of the trail from the gate on Washington Street to the cutoff for the Arrowhead trail.

Attorney Taylor asked the Commission to take a formal vote indicating the Commission's support for the waiver application.

Mr. Wood noted that there had long been a consensus on the Conservation Commission to encourage varied use of the Rail Trail as much as possible.

**Motion:** in support of applying for an exception to the provisions of 23 USC Section 217 to approve the use of motorized vehicles on an approximately 1.84-mile segment of the City-owned rail trail.

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

**III. Adjournment**

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:13 PM.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
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Resource Coordinator