



**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING**

Tuesday, June 19, 2018 6:00 PM
City Hall, Council Chambers, Claremont, NH

**MINUTES
Approved 7/19/2018**

Mr. Dickerman called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM and asked for a roll call.

I. Roll Call

Present: Gary Dickerman, Steve Wood, Scott Magnuson, Kim Gogan, Eileen Skowronski,
Absent: Cortney Nichols

Kelly Stettner from the Black River Action Team (BRAT) gave a comprehensive presentation on the BRAT, how it got started and how it functions, and offered some tips to the Commission on how to start a similar organization here in Claremont.

Mr. Dickerman has spoken with a representative of Eversource about the river clean-up work they did last year on the Sugar River. He said they are willing to help supply volunteers for any of the Commission's projects.

The Commission agreed to develop plans for doing a Sugar River clean up perhaps in late summer/early fall. Each member was asked to look at the river and report back on which segment(s) might be best to start with.

II. Review of Minutes of Preceding Meeting(s)

a. May 17, 2018

Corrections: Correct a typo on page 2: "out to bid"

Motion: To accept with corrections

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

Vote: Unanimous in favor

III. Finance Report – None

IV. Public Comment - None

V. Old Business

a. Stevens Brook

i. Water Quality Testing Program – Update

Mr. Dickerman said the Commission needs to decide what it wants done in this program and who will get the data.

ii. Annual Monitoring – Results

b. Natural Resources Inventory – Update

Mr. Dickerman said this may need to go out to bid. It's in Nancy Merrill's hands at the moment.

c. Forest Management Plan Update

Nancy Merrill is working with Scott Sweet and Mark Brislin to develop the RFP for the plan update.

VI. New Business

a. Motion to reimburse

Parents of two of the three Barry Conservation Camp campers sponsored by the Commission paid the \$150 deposit themselves. The City Treasurer needs a separate motion authorizing her to reimburse these funds to these parents.

Motion: To reimburse the two families (Benware and Denmars) since the Commission already agreed to pay the full cost of the camp.

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

Vote: Unanimous in favor

VII. Communications

- a. Wetlands permit for a project on East Street
- b. Thank you note from the Connecticut River Conservancy for the Commission's \$50 donation

VIII. Other Business

a. Proposed river clean-up program

b. Main Street easement area

Mr. Dickerman said there has been no response to Nancy Merrill's letter regarding access to the Stevens Brook Conservation Easement. He will meet with Nancy to discuss next steps.

Cortney Nichols has agreed to set up a Facebook page for the Commission. She needs photos and content to get started. Everyone is encouraged to offer ideas on what should be added to the page. Everyone should wear their Conservation Commission t-shirt to the next meeting so a photo can be taken of the members to post on the Facebook page.

Mr. Dickerman, Mr. Wood and Mr. Magnuson did the annual monitoring walk through at the Stevens Brook easement. They did not find anything significantly amiss.

IX. Future Agenda Items

- a. Update the Conservation Plan to remove the rail trail oversight
- b. Presentation from kids who went on the middle school field trip (August)

X. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting

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

Vote: Unanimous in favor

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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