



Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2014

Approved 8/21/2014

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

I. **Roll Call**

Present: Dianne Harlow, Stephen Wood, Cortney Nichols, Gary Dickerman, Nicholas Koloski

City Staff: deForest Bearse, Resource Coordinator

II. **Review of Minutes of preceding meeting – May 15, 2014**

Motion: to accept the minutes of May 15, 2014 as presented.

Made by: Mr. Koloski **Second:** Mrs. Harlow **Vote:** unanimous in favor

III. **Finance Report**

The Finance Report shows the recent expenditure of \$346 for membership in the NH Association Conservation Commissions with a balance of \$16,636.53.

IV. **Public Comment**

No public was present.

V. **Old Business**

a. **Plans for public tour of Moody Park**

The Commission will host a public tour of the Park on August 23rd at 11:00 AM with forester Dennis McKenny. Rain date will be August 24th. Details will be worked out in the interim.

VI. **New Business**

a. **South Brook Pond – wetland permit application**

The applicant learned that a wetland permit was not necessary for the project and has withdrawn the application.

VII. **Communications**

a. **Letter of Deficiency (405 Chestnut Street)**

DES discovered a culvert had been installed without a permit at 405 Chestnut Street. The culvert was causing damage to an abutter's driveway. DES has ordered removal of the culvert and restoration of the pre-culvert drainage pattern.

b. **National Grid**

The Commission was notified that the National Grid will be conducting vegetation management in the power line transmission rights-of-way between June 16 and October 11, 2014.

c. **Complete Forestry Notification**

The Commission was notified by DES that logging will take place at 36 Jarvis Homestead Road.

d. **NH Granite State Dairy Promotion** sent a book entitled "The History and Economics of the New Hampshire Dairy Industry" to the Commission. The book is available at the Visitor Center for anyone who wishes to borrow it.

e. The Commission received the Barry Conservation Camp newsletter.

VIII. Other

Mr. Wood complimented Mrs. Harlow for her work on the gardens at the access to the Bobby Woodman Trail near the Community Center.

Mr. Dickerman said that someone is dumping grass clippings and such over the bank and onto the Trail in the Pleasant Street to Broad Street stretch of the Trail. He said he has also been told that a tree had fallen across the Trail. This spurred a discussion of who is responsible for maintaining the Trail. Mr. Wood suggested that such plans be outlined in a Rail Trail Master Plan.

Mr. Wood said he would write a letter of thanks to the Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI) who had been visiting Claremont last week and who had spent time picking up trash from the Trail. YALI was in Claremont to learn about the role of government in economic development.

Mr. Koloski said he would like to pursue funding from the NH Association of Conservation Commissions for various projects he had in mind for developing or improving several City-owned parcels. Mr. Wood offered to contact Nik Coates to pursue the idea.

IX. Adjournment

Motion: to adjourn the meeting

Made by: Mr. Dickerman **Second:** Mrs. Harlow **Vote:** Unanimous in favor

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,
deForest Bearse