

# **Minutes of Conservation Commission Meeting**

**October 7, 2019**

Those in attendance: Robin Haubrich, Don Crooker, Don Shuffleton, Pam Avery, Betsy Hardwick, Kelly Marshall

Public: Nicole and Ryan Wooley

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

Minutes were tabled until November meeting

## **Announcements:**

1. The NHACC Annual Meeting will be held on Nov. 2. Betsy mentioned that those in attendance should try to register before the October date to take advantage of the reduced rate.
2. There is a meeting on Thursday, October 10 @ 6:00 PM at the Town Hall to learn about water testing for drinking water.

## **New Business:**

1. Ron Klemarczyk, forester, shared information about the Fisher Hill Town Forest:

2 types of forest- old growth, oak and hemlock and pine, oak

Harvest- a light harvest could be done, staying away from the hemlock/oak section; it will change the accessibility of biking trails, especially where the skidder roads would be, which would not be conducive to hikers or bikers

Managed for old growth -this is another option for the property, it is a forest type that is not prevalent in our other town owned properties

Wildlife- there are vernal pools, oak trees for food source and hemlock for protection. Matt Tarr will be contacted by Ron to set up a convenient time for us to join them on a site walk, so that Matt can share his input about the wildlife and how to minimize disruption

Challenges-Ron shared some of the issues that they have had with bikers making non authorized trails in Concord's town owned property. It will be important to monitor the trails regularly, with defined expectations and what enforcement will look like.

Boundaries- Ron will provide information to Steve Perron, the surveyor to help him establish the northerly boundary where there is a missing pin

Discussed having Ron develop a management plan, will walk the property with him and Matt Tarr and determine our goals and objectives first.

2. Easements were assigned for monitoring purposes. Betsy will talk with Scott about sending out the letters indicating that there will be monitoring done in the next month or so.
3. Betsy mentioned that we also need to monitor our fee-owned properties as well.
4. Don Crooker made a motion to accept that the CC will hold primary deed restrictions on the FLT's Connard property, tax map 3, lot 34, the State of NH will be the secondary interest holder. Pam Avery seconded the motion and all approved. CC will need to monitor property annually. Betsy will seek permission from the Board of Selectmen and then have town counsel review the document .

**Old Business:**

1. Emerald Ash Borer letters have been folded and will be sent out by Jamie this week to every Frankestown property owner.
2. There were no fires or trash the last time Shattuck Pond was checked.
3. Planning Board rejected the Todd Rd. driveway plan application that involved steep slopes.
4. Work day in Dinsmore will be scheduled in November.

**Other Business:**

1. Betsy will provide the Hancock volunteer trail workers Don Crooker's contact information to work on Shannon's trail.
2. The building in the Town Forest off the Link Trail needs to be resurrected and/or move. Kelly will let Betsy know when they are going to work on it and she will reach out to the other members.
3. Betsy reported that the proposed budget is similar to last year. She may increase the amount directed to Education/Outreach.
4. Robin received the Shoreland Protection fliers and will be made available for Town Welcome Baskets and Robin will also give them to Scoby and Pleasant Pond Lake Associations.
5. There are no Capital Improvement Projects proposed by concom at this time.
6. Matt Tarr will be asked to make recommendations for the Town Forest fields.
7. Kelly will take down the EAB trap.
8. Story walk will be taken down at the end of October.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Marshall