

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING  
APRIL 11, 2018

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, Jack Messe, Karen Miller, David McTigue, Matt Oliveira, Michael Bara, Kleta Dudley (SoRLAC Representative), Lori Rautiola  
ABSENT: Lisa Oden

The meeting was called to order at the Town Office on March 14, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

The minutes of the March 14, 2018 meeting were reviewed. David made a motion to approve the minutes. Karen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Committee Reports:**

Bob reported NHDES is in the process of updating the wetland permits. He stated one of the updates that has him concerned is the number of days the Commission will have to review the permit. In the past the Commission had forty five days and now DES is changing to less than 30 days. The problem is the Commission needs to vote (approve/not approve the application) and that is hard since the Commission only meets once a month. This could be problematic because we do not want one person signing off on the permit.

**Lands:** The Commission revisited the Land Criteria Worksheet. Bob asked members for input on the worksheet. David noted changing the heading and members agreed. Matt questioned if this evaluation would be completed by one member or the whole Commission when evaluating a property. Bob responded the Commission should have a consensus at the end of the evaluation, but having members fill one out separately is a good idea. Members discussed information on the worksheet and removed criteria that did not apply to property in New Ipswich. Jack mentioned there is no section for a "wildlife corridor" on the worksheet and Bob noted he will add that and add "linkage" as that is an important quality. "Multiple uses for citizens" will be added as well. Members made some final changes and Bob stated he will make the updates to the worksheet. Bob noted the Commission could test this worksheet out by doing an evaluation on one of the current conservation lands.

Jack mentioned combining a monitoring report on a property and testing the evaluation worksheet at the same time. It was mentioned the Currier Property may be a good one to test. The Commission will finalize the worksheet at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Rautiola, Secretary

