



TOWN OF NEW IPSWICH

661 Turnpike Rd, New Ipswich, NH 03071

Conservation Commission



Meeting Minutes September 13, 2023

The Conservation Commission held its regular monthly meeting at the Town Office, 661 Turnpike Road, New Ipswich, New Hampshire, on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

1) Call to Order and Seating of Alternates

Chairman Bob called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Present at the meeting were Chair Bob Boynton, Vice Chair David McTigue, Member Karen Miller, Matthew Oliveira, and Alternate Kleta Dudley. Staff present included Land Use Clerk Jennifer Worth.

2) Approval of Minutes

Chair moved to approve the August 3, 2023 meeting minutes upon amendments that were discussed amongst the board. Karen Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3) New Business

a. LENS

LENS is a software that the Commission is looking into purchasing. This software is compatible with drones and could be used in order to protect lands. The board agrees that this would be a great software to acquire. It was agreed to find out more about the software and move forward with potential purchasing. It was also suggested that if this software is utilized then perhaps the board's clerk would be responsible for learning the ins and outs of the program, to share knowledge with onboarding members or when questions arise.

Chair was provided with a quote of \$60 per month. This software will help to monitor conservation land. Will continue this discussion after more research of LENS software.

4) Old Business

a) Katz Property – Map: 14/B Lot: 2 – Mason Road

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Chair would like to move forward with title search on the Katz property. The question is, is there a private road on this property? If it does not, and there is no public access would the Commission still think of this land as needing to be protected. This property is currently owned by the town and has had no former owners for decades. This land should be protected for the wildlife habitat there and to help conserve the watershed. Land has been purchased like this in the past by the Commission (for example, property on Wapack). If purchased the Commission would like the Selectmen to provide documentation that it would permanently be conserved land. The Commission previously voted that \$15,000 be spent on title fund and that it would be expended from the Conservation fund. Chair asks board for support in spending another \$1,000 to put a title search in order to seek out more information about the private road that could be on this property.

Karen Miller motions to approve \$1,000 to be spent on title search. Chair seconds. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Conservation Commission, Karen Miller motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Kleta Dudley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Worth, Land Use Clerk