

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

August 14, 2019

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, David McTigue, Vice Chairman, Karen Miller, Matt Oliveira, Michael Bara, Jack Messe, Kleta Dudley (SoRLAC Rep), Bert Hamill ( Selectmen's Liaison) Lori Rautiola, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at the Town Office on August 14, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

The May 8, 2019 meeting minutes were reviewed. Bob made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Karen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The June 14, 2019 meeting minutes were reviewed. Karen made a motion to approve the minutes as written. David seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Bob made a motion to pay an invoice from ChemServe in the amount of \$5,180.00. David seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The invoice was for the water analysis that was done in June for the Central Village groundwater study.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Old Business/New Business:** There was a brief discussion on the groundwater analysis done by ChemServe. Two homes had detectable lead in the water which is most likely from old plumbing. Six to eight homes detected coliform and that is usually linked to septic impacts. Only 2 properties detected VOC's and 2 properties showed MtBE but it was below the standard for drinking. Two properties showed arsenic above the standard level allowed. David noted overall the results were good. Bob stated the residents can contact NHDES for more information regarding their drinking water. Bob noted he will draft a cover letter to go back to the homeowner's with their results.

**Lands:** Bob noted he was looking back through the monitoring reports of the Town's Conservation Land and the Commission needs to get back on track with monitoring the properties. The Commission discussed the lands which need to be monitored. The Currier easement, dam site 13, 14 and 15, the Kellogg easement, the Kinney easement, the Rhoades easement, and the Binney Hill Easement which is an executory easement. The Currier easement is the Town's responsibility to maintain and monitor. The State holds flowage rights on Dam site 13, 14 and 15. The Town has management rights to those sites and those rights will expire in twelve years. Bob questioned if the Commission has rights to monitor the Kellogg property and stated he will seek legal counsel to find out. Bob continued stating the Commission is the grantee of five of these properties and these properties should be monitored at least once a year. Members decided each member will chose a property to monitor this summer/fall and conduct a report. Jack will monitor the Currier Easement, Kleta - Williston Property, Bob - Kenney Property, Michael - Rhoades Easement, and David - Mansfield Meadow. Bob mentioned Gibson Four Corners does not need to be monitored since it is so small and is visible from the Road. Bob mentioned it is a good idea to monitor the properties in groups so each member can get a sense of each property.

The members discussed the location of each of the properties to be monitored. Bob stated he will have an online monitoring form for members to fill out as they walk the property or when they return from the property. Bob noted to take pictures of the property even if there are no violations seen. Bob gave an

example on the web showing the online form and how it can be easily emailed to Lori to keep recorded at the town office.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Rautiola  
Secretary