

DRAFT MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2014

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, Matt Oliveira, David McTigue, Dixie Blease, Joanne Meshna

ABSENT: Jack Messe

PUBLIC: Kleta Dudley (SOLAC Representative)

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Office.

Bob announced that a petition had been filed today to see if the Town will rescind Article #20 of the 1991 Annual Town Meeting requiring that 50% of land use change tax revenues be deposited in the Conservation Fund with a maximum of \$10,000 to be deposited in any one year.

Minutes: The minutes of the November 12, 2014 meeting were reviewed and the following corrections made: page 1, correct Dixie's name, page 1 under Trails, add the fourth paragraph to the second paragraph and page 2, first paragraph, first sentence should read "...has erected "no trespassing" signs. The minutes of the November 12, 2014 non public session were reviewed and the spelling of November corrected. Bob made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Dixie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Lands: Bob distributed a copy of Chapter 36-A:4-a and explained that according to this Chapter the Conservation Commission does not have to put a warrant article on the ballot to continue having the Monadnock Conservancy hold an easement on land. Bob also distributed Chapter 41:14-a and a legal opinion is forthcoming that the RSA only pertains to contributions by the Commission to purchase land which it has no interest in, and that the RSA has no applicability to placing easements on town-owned conservation land.

David

Water Resources: David has prepared a draft of a fact sheet for the stream buffer amendment as well as changes to the current ordinance as well as a table of the current and proposed changes. He will e-mail it to members.

Communications: Dixie has not heard back from Brenna.

Trails: David has yet to contact Peter Goewey regarding the sign for the parking area at the Nussdorfer Nature Area.

New Business: Bob received an e-mail from Sharon Rosenfelder asking what the Conservation Commission's position was on the gas pipeline. He prepared a response which he distributed to the members. Members were in agreement with the letter which states the Commission does not have an opinion at this time.

A letter was received from Paula Thompson, Town Administrator from Fitzwilliam, inviting Selectmen and Conservation Commission members to attend a meeting at the Town Hall in Fitzwilliam on December 15 at 6:00 p.m. regarding the proposed Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company route in southern New Hampshire.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Meshna, Secretary