

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

October 9, 2019

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

ABSENT: Matt Oliveira, Karen Miller, Michael Bara,

The meeting was called to order at the Town Office on October 9, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

The minutes of the September 11, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Bob made a motion to approve the minutes as written. David seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

New Business: Annual elections were held. Bob nominated David as a full member for a three year term. Kleta seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Bob nominated Jack as a full member for a three year term. Kleta seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Bob nominated Matt as a full member for a three year term. David seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Kleta nominated Bob as Chairman for a one year term. David seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Kleta nominated David as Vice Chairman for a one year term. Jack seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Bob nominated Michael Bara as an alternate for a one year term. Kleta seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Bob nominated Lori as an alternate member for a one year term. David seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Bob nominated Kleta as an alternate for a one year term. Jack seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Bert invited the Commission to attend an information seminar with the Planning Board and Steve Griffin, State of NH Gravel Tax Appraiser, at the Town Office October 23 at 8:30 am. Following the one hour introduction, members will be visiting the gravel pits in town.

Signs: David reported he has not made any new signs; however, the sign for Nussdorfer is ready to go up as well as the Mansfield Meadow sign. Bob suggested to install the sign near the water at Mansfield Meadow so people can see it from the water.

Lands: Members revisited the topic of monitoring Conservation properties. Members discussed which parcel(s) each of them would like to monitor and a spreadsheet was drafted. (See attached) Bob noted the State holds the flowage rights on all of the dam sites so there is no need to monitor.

Bob mentioned he has been working with Northeast Wilderness Trust about gating the class VI portion of Binney Hill Road. Kleta questioned if the State would allow that. Bob responded the Town would most likely take a vote to close the Road subject to gates and bars, adding he and NEWT will go before the Select board to discuss the options soon. Bob stated it is important to close the road and David agreed.

Bob mentioned he would like to have some small signs made up with the Commission's logo on it to post on the properties that the Commission monitors. Lori will look into this further.

Bob stated the Commission should be seeking properties for a prime wetland; adding, the benefits of having a property as a prime wetland are substantial because the State aids in the protection. Bob noted there is a decent size property (150 acres) near Huse Road that would be a good candidate. Bob mentioned he has reached out to the property owners but has not had any response.

Old Business: Bob recalled a meeting with the former Town Administrator regarding the Building Department. He stated there should be a development permit in place that is required before a building permit is released to stop violations of wetlands etc. before they happen. Bert mentioned this has been an ongoing issue for the Planning Board, adding a major problem is the proper zoning and/or ordinances are not in place to make the enforcement possible and the Selectmen refuse to fund a full time building inspector. Bert suggested the Commission bring their issues to the new Town Administrator as well as the Planning Board and put together a plan of action to amend the building process or any activity that affects the land and to require a development permit from the Building Department. Bob stated 90% of the time the impact is done before the foundation goes in the ground. David will draft a sequence of inspections.

Natural Resources: Bob stated the Town had a Natural Resource Inventory done about 12 years ago. In the past after an NRI was complete the town would receive a booklet (hard copy) of the Town's natural resources. Today the Commission has the mapping with GIS glue to show the natural resources. Bob mentioned the town should consider hiring someone with GIS knowledge as it would be a huge asset especially in the future when he retires and no longer does the layers/mapping.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Rautiola
Secretary

Monitoring Assignments						
Local Name	Primary Monitor Name	Assistant Monitor Nae	Prof'd By	Agency Type	Primary Monitor	Secondary Monitor
Tophet Swamp	David McTigue	Bob Boynton	TONI	Municipal	NICC	None
Dam Site 14 [A]			DES	State	NICC	DES
Dam Site 14 [B]			DES	State	NICC	DES
Dam Site 14 [C]			DES	State	NICC	DES
Dam Site 14 [D]			DES	State	NICC	DES
Dam Site 14 [E]			DES	State	NICC	DES
Rhoads Easement	Michael Bara		TONI	Municipal	NICC	NONE
Currier Easement [A]	Jack Messe	David McTigue	TONI	Municipal	NICC	None
Currier Easement [B]	Jack Messe	David McTigue	TONI	Municipal	NICC	None
Dam Site 13 [B]			DES	State	NICC	DES
Dam Site 13 [C]			DES	State	NICC	DES
Dam Site 13 [D]			DES	State	NICC	DES
Dam Site 13 [E]			DES	State	NICC	DES
Dam Site 35			DES	State	NICC***	DES
Gibson Four Corners	Michael Bara		TONI	Municipal	NICC	None
Kellogg Easement [A]	Jack Messe		TONI	Municipal	NICC	TMC
Kellogg Easement [B]	Jack Messe		TONI	Municipal	NICC	TMC
Nussdorfer Nature Area	Bob Boynton (Kinney)		TONI	Municipal	NICC	None
Stone Landing	Bob Boynton		TONI	Municipal	NICC	None
Williston Property	Kleta Dudley	Karen Miller	TONI	Municipal	NICC	None