

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
January 11, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman; David McTigue, Vice Chair; Kleta Dudley; Mike Bara; Susan Mallett, Secretary

NOT PRESENT: Karen Miller, Matt Oliveria

At 7:30 Bob opened the meeting.

Kleta and Mike were appointed voting members for this meeting.

Account Balances: Bob noted the total in the Conservation Commission accounts was \$275,737.88 as of December 31, 2022.

Minutes review and approval: The minutes from November were reviewed. The board made a request for Sue to post 'Blank' minutes for December. Kleta motioned to accept the minutes, David seconded, and all were in agreement.

Bob and Dave will make it a priority in the Spring to work on the bridge.

Skinny Kat easement has closed. Piscataqua Land Conservancy (PLC) is now working on Montagu easement. Bob will request detailed / itemized invoices for each of the properties. He wants to be sure that we are not charged a flat fee and we are only charged for actual services rendered.

Prime wetland on Perry Road might pose issues.

- Landowners can say no on the property being turned into Prime Wetlands
- One person doesn't want anyone on his property
- Development planned to have a place for kids to become farmers

Bob feels the form used by Monadnock Conservancy would be good for the Conservation Commission to use, rather than create a new form from scratch.

New policy for monitoring the 6 properties. Five of them can be seen doing a drive by, so easy to keep watch over them and then do one form per year.

- Furnace Brook (Annual)
- Williston Property (Bi-Annually)
- Gibson 4 Corners (Bi-Annually)
- Kellogg (Annual)

Do 2 each year for the rest of the properties. Furnace Brook and Kellogg should be annual.

Bob has concerns about how abutters are done for mailings done by ZBA and Planning Board especially with large lots. He feels only the abutters of the portion of the parcel that is requesting variance should be notified. He gave as an example 99 River Rd. which is about 3 acres of residential and about 30 of conservation land. Bob feels only the abutters to the residential portion should be notified. Bob wants to be sure none of the land outside of the variance is used for the business. This would require coordinates from the applicant. It was also noted that because it is one parcel, the abutters list cant be automatically created.

Next was a discussion of land locked 35 acres behind Barrett House. There is an old road out there owned by the town.

There is currently \$275,737.88 in the Conservation Commission accounts. \$60k of that is committed to the 2 properties discussed earlier (Skinny Kat and Montagu). Bob noted that this money is solely under the Conservation Commission control. If someone wants to protect their property they can contact the Conservation Commission to see if we can help them.

At 8:45 pm Kleta motioned to adjourn, Mike seconded, and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Mallett