

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes Draft-March 9, 2015

Present: Nate Fogg chair, Dave Mankus vice-chair, Relf Fogg, Tom Dube, and Dave Tinkham alternate.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

Dave Tinkham was appointed to sit for absent member Steve Brown.

➤ **Public**

None.

➤ **Consideration of Minutes 2/26/2015**

D Mankus made a motion to approve the minutes of 2/26/2015 as submitted. The motion was seconded by D Tinkham. The vote was 3-0-1 it passed.

➤ **Review of Application/ Correspondence**

Kerry Fox of Fox Survey Company addressed the Board to review a permit for a client requesting to build a home on their property located at Tax Map 224-01 on Governor's Road. He stated in review of the request he noted there is a small intermittent stream that needs to be crossed to access the proposed home.

R Fogg questioned how big the stream is and if a State permit is required.

Mr. Fox replied that it is a small stream and he installed a 24" inch tube. He explained that he is required to come before the Conservation Commission first before the State and because the stream is under 1,000 square feet it can be considered expedited.

D Mankus noted his main concern is the material from the gravel driveway washing into the brook.

D Tinkham suggested some sort of catch basin to filter out the material.

Mr. Kerry replied he would look into a catch basin and pitch in the driveway to reduce the material washing into the brook.

R Fogg made a motion for the Conservation Commission to approve the request of Kerry Fox as requested at this meeting for Tax Map 224-01. The motion was seconded by Dave Tinkham. The vote was 4-0, it passed.

The Commission reviewed the following permit applications:

- DIJA Revocable Trust-Complete Forestry Notification
- Martha Ortiz-Shoreland Impact Permit
- Elizabeth Conner-Notice of invalid permit
- James Czarnecki-Request for project review Historical Resources
- James Czarnecki-Wetlands & non site specific permit

➤ **Board Business**

Gage Hill Conservation Area

N Fogg noted that he has not received a response from his e-mail to the Society for Protection of Forests so he sent a letter to put them on notice of their intent to do some maintenance to the area.

Adopt a Conservation Area

N Fogg stated the Commission has been provided with a draft proposal for review.

The Commission reviewed the draft and made some minor edits.

D Tinkham stated he would make the revisions and send it out to the members via e-mail for adoption at the next meeting.

Natural Resource Index

N Fogg noted there is nothing new to report on this topic as they need to create descriptions for the plans.

D Tinkham suggested they do that at a work session.

The Commission set the next meeting on March 23rd as a work session to create the descriptions for the Natural Resource Index.

Lavender Conservation Easement Monitoring

N Fogg noted that they did get approved to delay the monitoring until the spring when the snow melts.

NHACC Membership

N Fogg stated that the membership is due and costs \$303 which is increase from last year.

R Fogg noted his concerns of using tax dollars to support a program and questioned if such is appropriate.

D Tinkham stated it is a resource that is used by the members, so yes it is appropriate.

D Mankus stated it is a useful tool for Conservation Commissions.

D Tinkham made a motion for the Conservation Commission to approve the expenditure of \$303 for the NHACC annual membership from the Conservation Commission budget. The motion was seconded by Dave Mankus. The vote was 4-1, it passed.

Re-appointment of members

Tom Dube, Steve Brown and Dave Tinkham are all up for re-appointment.

The Commission discussed the re-appointment and decided to table the discussion to the next meeting when Mr. Brown is present.

Financials

N Fogg stated the current budget is at \$153,789.17

Pride Day-Trees

D Mankus stated the nursery they use to purchase the trees for Pride Day is sold out of most of the trees they usually purchase and questioned if he should look into other nurseries.

The Commission discussed the issue and decided that D Mankus can keep looking for a nursery to order the same number of trees as last year.

Other Business

N Fogg noted he has been appointed to the GRAC which stands for Geologic Resources Advisory Committee. He stated he was appointed to the Committee because he is the NHACC representative.

➤ Correspondence

The Commission reviewed the following correspondence:

- Greenway Gazette
- UNH Cooperative Extension is hosting an event on 4/11 for saving special places.

➤ Next Meeting

The date for the next meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

Being no further business before the Commission, N Fogg entertained a motion to enter into non-public session to discuss Real Estate negotiations.

R Fogg moved the Conservation Commission enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A II d to discuss real estate at 8:10 PM. It was seconded by D Mankus. Roll call vote, D Tinkham-yes, T Dube-yes, D Mankus-yes, N Fogg-yes and R Fogg-yes, being none opposed, the motion passed.

The Commission re-entered public session at 8:35 PM.

D Mankus made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by R Fogg. The vote was 5-0 in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Amelia Capone-Muccio