

Conservation Commission April 9th 2019 Meeting Minutes Draft Location: Town Hall.

Present: Mary Ann Hill, Shawn Hanson, James Kibler, Karen Ayers, Bethany MacAvoy, Lou Gargiulo, Robert Wiener
Absent: Dale Ohsberg, Paul Melanson, Cathy Golas, Nancy Roka, Glenn Schrempf
Bethany was made a voting member.

Call the meeting to order: 6:34pm

New Business:

Jess a representative from the NH Forrest Association came to speak with the commission about how they could help with the possibility of placing a conservation easement on the Toppan LN property. Two separate financial models were presented and the commission had a chance to ask questions about the process of working with the potential owner of the property who would look to work with the town to place a conservation easement on the property.

Matt Ferreira, Greg Parish, and Cindy from SAU21, Hampton Falls School Board and a parent organization came to review the plans for a playground and outdoor learning nature area. Some parts of this area is within the 100ft setback of wetlands located on the lot. The Town and/or SAU does not have to comply with the town ordinance so the discussion was more of a curtesy. The group is interested in the idea of this outside area being used as an educational space and asked the Conservation Commission if it would be interested in donating. The conservation commission will review if it can donate for that use and in what form that would take.

Haying contract was reviewed but not signed as Glenn was not at the meeting. S. Hanson will contact him to get it signed before the end of April.

Update on appraisal and grant application (Toppan Ln). James is working on a third quote for the appraisal, and the grant application for covering half the cost of the appraisal was rejected due to getting funds for the previous appraisal on that same property.

Various dues and reimbursements are due to be paid:

Motion: To pay \$100 for annual dues for National Estuaries week photo contest hosted by SHEA. S. Hanson 1st. M. Hill 2nd all in favor.

Motion: To authorize \$150 for an Honorarium for Patty Laughlin for the invasive plant walk hosted by the Conservation Commission on May 18th. J. Kibler 1st. M. Hill 2nd all in favor.

Motion: To reimburse M. Hill \$65 for the Saving Special Places training. S. Hanson 1st. J. Kibler 2nd all in favor.

Other:

Starting in May, the Select Board has asked all Committees and Commissions to record their meetings. The policy and instructions for recording have been given to the conservation commission members.

Nominations for positions (chair, vice-chair, and secretary) was discussed, no one is interested in any of positions. The commission has decided to look to hire a person to record the minutes of the meeting. The commission will offer \$100 per meeting.

L. Woodruff science teacher at LAS is planning to release some baby trout they hatched in the classroom on April 19th in the Taylor River. The group plans to test the water in two location and do the release in the best area.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

Next Meeting: May 14th 6:30pm Town Hall.