

Approved: September 9, 2015

Hanover Conservation Commission
Town Hall, 41 South Main Street
August 12, 2015 at 7:03 PM

Members present: Ed Chamberlain, Chair, Bill Mlacak, Whit Spaulding, Hugh Mellert, Peter Christie, Selectmen's Representative, Jim Kennedy as minutes taker.

Staff: Vicki Smith

Public: Russ Rohloff (Pathways Consulting), Perry Seale (Hyperhterm)

1. Hypertherm Inc. Wetlands Special Exception: Russ Rohloff summarized the project and most recent revisions to the plans. The Commission reviewed the Report of Site Visit, dated August 10.

There were discussions of the stream crossings. The Commission suggested making the outlet more natural, and possible shortening the box culverts for better aquatic passage. The culverts will have to conform to UNH Stream Crossing Guidelines as part of the NHDES permit. Copies of pertinent parts of the guidelines were distributed at the meeting.

The Commission suggested that all "drainage basins" be labeled as such, and a maintenance protocol be established to allow for future actions without permits. Erosion control should be established prior to starting construction.

The applicant should design the vegetation in the buffer areas to discourage parking, and to provide a filter from the paved areas.

Motion by Jim Kennedy, seconded by Whit Spaulding to forward a report to the Zoning Board, with the recommendations discussed. Motion passed unanimously. Vicki Smith will draft the report.

2. Minutes: The Commission voted to approve the minutes of the July 8, July 15, and August 10 meetings.

3. Resource Stewardship:

The **Starkey** tree clearing adjacent to the Tanzi Tract has been completed, with the work well done and cleaned up properly.

Hayes Farm Park - The clearing and removal of invasives on Crabapple Hill and the King Sanctuary was done in July. Commission members assisted Gerry Hawkes of Forest Savers. There is some minor debris cleanup needed, and the wire will be taken to the Lebanon landfill. Gail McPeek will be taking over the Hayes Farm Park Committee.

Vicki Smith presented the Deer management Plan for **Balch Hill**, including new hunting encouragement and controls. Motion to accept by Whit Spaulding, seconded by Hugh Mellert. Motion passed unanimously.

Deer Information Material for the Web Site: Barbara McIlroy's recent informative work will be posted on the web site.

4. Committee Reports: There were no committee meetings during July of August.

Ed Chamberlain reported on his Deed research for the **River Trail**, from Ledyard Bridge to Wilson's Landing. Over half of the lots on Occum Ridge have easements to cross the properties. Ed will follow up with Dartmouth College Real Estate.

The **Pasture Road Trail** has had some problems recently from the tenant on the Huggins property objecting to trail usage.

Ed Chamberlain reported that some of the new trail signs are up at **Mink Brook** and **South Esker**.

Kiosks for the **Trescott** area are done and will be installed soon.

5. Other Business: Hugh Mellert reports that **Mink Brook** access is still in the court process. Jim Kennedy may organize a field trip to **Huntington Hill** grasslands and meadows in September or October.

6. Administrative Business:

- John Trummel is the September minutes taker
- Michael Mayor is the October minutes taker
- Doug Mc Ilroy is the November minutes taker

7. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Kennedy, minutes taker