

**Hooksett Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
November 17, 2011**

**Call Meeting to Order:** 6:01pm

**Attendance:** Steve Couture-vice chair, Jim Walter –member, Frank Kotowski-Planning Board Rep excused, Cindy Robertson-member, John Turbyne-member, Todd Lizotte-Town Council Rep, Tim Johnson, excused, Bob Steiner member, Mike Horne – Parks & Rec Advisory Board

**Public Input:** none

**Meeting Minutes:** Jim Walter motioned to approve the minutes November 3, non –public, November 3, 2011 public, Cindy Robertson seconded voted unanimously.

**Appointments:**

**Scenic Roads – Goffstown Road**

Kathie Northrup – Heritage Commission – We still have a few little things to pin down. We will have to get a petition with 10 signatures of the residents on the roadway or abutters. Then it will go to council and a public hearing would have to be held. In speaking with Jo Ann Duffy she stated that she thought there should be a committee to over see projects like this and she thought that the conservation commission would be a good commission to oversee these projects. Scenic Roads protect things in the public right of way. The conclusion that I have come up with is maybe stonewall to stone wall is the right of way because I could not find any deeds in regards to this roadway. The conservation commission would get involved with this by you being the agent that people would come to you in order maintain the road. Safety reasons would go before the town council.

John Turbyne – Have you talked to the any of the abutters to see how they feel about it?

Kathie Northrup – Yes but some did want more information.

Jim Walter motioned to send a letter of support and be the main point of contact for this scenic road once it is classified as such Bob Steiner seconded voted unanimously.

**Manchester Sand & Gravel – David Campbell**

I am before you tonight to provide a letter to DES in support of this project and I have drafted a letter for you to review and forward to DES. This area in pink was original area that was taken out of the easement and after further investigation it was realized that more land was needed. This area is adjacent to the conservation land to University Heights. This was originally 33 acres and now is 80 acres. DES requires that if this roadway changes DES would have to give approval. This will all have to go through the permitting and approval process. Manchester Sand & Gravel is doing this to entice the state to approve it with the additional donation of 25 acres of land that would continue to protect the watershed area and it pretty much seals any further development from the Heads Pond and the potential school area. I am just revisiting the boards to get the updated letters.

## **Commission Reports:**

### **1. Open Space Subcommittee – n/a**

### **2. Pinnacle Park & Quimby Mountain Park Planning – Mike Horne**

Pinnacle Park – The committee has stalled a little and we are looking to get back on track. I walked the trail after the storm and found some trees had come down and Phil from Parks and Rec went and cleared some but I am not sure if that was right. What I see as the next step for the Planning committee would be to have a public meeting for the parking area off Pinnacle Street and as long as the outcome is positive maybe have the DPW start the work on the parking area so that the Impact fees can be utilized. I was wondering if maybe we could come up with the date of a Public Meeting. I believe the Pinnacle Planning Committee would be the sponsor of the Public Meeting. I would prefer to make a decision regarding the planning committee until after the public meeting.

David Hess – This would be a Public Meeting for signage, parking area and to begin this work.

Mike Horne – Yes. This is so we can start the process of beginning to utilize the Impact Fees, as well as getting the feedback. The parking area is flagged on the Pinnacle Street

Todd Lizotte – Is the Pinnacle a subcommittee of the conservation commission?

David Hess- We are legally responsible for the property but the Pinnacle and Quimby Mountain will both hold parks and recreational areas. This is a collaborative effort and the Parks & Rec has graciously agreed to put money forth for this development.

Todd Lizotte – My question is should the public meeting be a joint meeting and not just one?

Steve Couture – This would make sense to have a joint meeting between everyone entity that has been involved such as Conservation Commission, Parks & Rec Advisory Board, and possibly Heritage Commission. This commission also has not given the final approval to the plan. The Public Hearing would be Dec 6, 2011 at 7:00pm in Town Council Chambers.

Quimby Mountain –

It came to light that GE has a remedial easement for the Petersbrook property and it was felt that the conservation commission should be notified to see if they have any issues. Consensus was this was not of any concern to the commission

Dan Kern, Bear Paw - I was going to go over the edits. I added information in regards to the property description and we only have a survey for a portion of the property. It looks like we do not have a survey for a small area of 7-8 acres. If this area is not well defined we may have to do a survey. I think this is something that we can work out with the town attorney. There is a very highly regarded area for wildlife on a small portion that heads into Goffstown Road. Section 2E – we added educational uses to the property where it talks about signs. This is so you can add signs if you so choose for educational purposes. If there is just something simple next the parking area is really doesn't need to be covered. I can try and come up with an area and bring it my committee and we can work on it.

Bob Steiner motioned to approve the easement and forward to the Town Council and Town Attorney to review the easement Jim Walter seconded voted unanimously

Dan Kern – We have never spoken about a budget for the property. This based off of our usual budget schedule. I would recommend we have a surveyor go out and graze the property for property lines.

Steve Couture – How would this work? Would it be due at the completion of the easement sale?

Dan Kern – Yes all of the other costs with the exception of Bear Paw is actual costs.

Jim Walter motioned to approve up \$12,650 to be paid to Bear Paw at the completion of the sale of the easement John Turbyne seconded voted unanimously

Dave Hess motioned to authorized \$202,000 from the current use fund to purchase the easement of the Quimby Mountain and additional easements in the amount of the \$57,000 Todd Lizotte seconded voted unanimously

**Correspondence:**

**Other:** n/a

**Non-public under RSA 91-A: 3, II d**

Jim Walter motioned and Cindy Robertson seconded to enter into non-public session.

Jim Walter motioned to exit non-public session Cindy Robertson seconded voted unanimously

**Adjournment** – Bob Steiner motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:25pm Cindy Robertson seconded voted unanimously