

**Hooksett Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 3, 2012**

Call Meeting to Order: 6:00pm

Attendance: Steve Couture – vice chair, Cindy Robertson-member excused, John Turbyne-alt member, Todd Lizotte-Town Council Rep excused, Jim Walter-member, Phil Fitanides – member, David Hess – member, Tim Johnson-chair, excused, Bob Steiner-member, excused

Public Input: none

Meeting Minutes: Jim Walter motioned to approve the minutes March 2, 2012 with changes, Phil Fitanides seconded voted unanimously.

Appointments:

John Pieroni – Kiwanis Trails – Pinnacle Park

We have spoken before about working on the trails together. We had decided that Pinnacle would be the best. We have come up with a few things. Possibly move the location of the lower carriage trail a bit so it would not be on private property. We would also need to widen the carriage road by the fence that will be installed off of Ardon Drive. We would need to put a connector in but the location is not a definite location as of yet. We would need to see exactly where the parking lot will be located. I also wanted to be sure that we can do all of this and make sure that we were not violating anything with Bear Paw.

John Turbyne – I think the work that will be involved to put this together will not as extensive as once thought. We will have to get rid of some down trees and then line the trails with the down trails so that people would know where the trail goes.

John Pieroni – Also there are some down trees that we thought of possibly making benches out of so people have places to sit as they walk up to the top. There is someone up there putting a trail in and you can see that they have used a chainsaw to cut the down trees. This is just something that you may want to do. Brush will need to be cleared from the top of the Pinnacle as well. So coming back down you may need to consider another way down. You may want to think about some signage with a kiosk.

John Turbyne motioned to move forward with the plan as presented by John Pieroni to move the lower carriage trail, cut brush at the top and line the trails with some down trees seconded by Jim Walter voted unanimously

Paul Vrusho – Patriot Golf Cart – Change of Use – 1346 Hooksett Road

I was here last month to and spoke with about opening a car dealership at 1346 Hooksett Road. I have put into writing what I would be doing on site. A concern was raised in regards to washing cars during the winter months and I will talk the car to a car wash and have them washed off site.

Dave Hess – What are you referring to when you say fixing cars?

Paul Vrusho – Battery changes, alternators, and maybe adding oil but not doing oil changes on site. We would also not be fixing any cars other than our own. We will be doing sections and that would be the only thing we would be doing for vehicles other than ours. This is required by law. But we would not fix those vehicles.

Steve Couture – What type of materials will you have on site in regards to cleaning and repairing these vehicles?

Paul Vrusho – now really we will be calling auto parts store for parts. We may have some cases of oil or transmission fluid. We would be doing all repairs in the building and not outside. We also did some further looking into this site and it was found that this was going on previously at this location as well.

Jim Walter motioned to support this change of use as the applicant has stated there will be no oil changes, minimal storage of petroleum products, no repairs to outside vehicles, from Nov 1 – March 31 all cars will be washed offsite due to salt and sand, and all repairs will be completed within the building David Hess seconded. Motion passes unanimously

Dan Kern, Bear Paw – Grant Proposal Clay Pond -

Clay Pond 2012 would be a good ARM application but we have difficulty reaching the main land owner. We are going to try again. But this would be a good applicant and possibly another area as well but we will get back to you because we are not sure yet.

Commission Reports:

- 1. Pinnacle Park Planning – John Turbyne** – I went on the walk with Kiwanis and they seemed very excited. A lot of the trails out there are laid out by logs. The big question and what will need some attention will be the trails that go across private property. There is a trail that goes directly onto someone's land. Also we need to speak to the water department about the trail that runs along the Pinnacle Pond. I believe this is something that we may want to think about.

Steve Couture – I think this is something that we should monitor the path over time.

John Turbyne – I believe we are going to have to talk with the water department at some point.

- 2. Reading Corp Conservation Easement** – Dan Kern – I have the proposed changes by DES water supply. All the changes are changes to the program that have occurred since the purchase of Clay Pond I. They did delete all the executory interest areas. I just need to add the property description from the survey. All of the language will be finalized for the next meeting.

3. **ARM Proposal** – The restoration project would go to bid and I was also surprised by the estimate on the plan itself that was completed by VHB. I was told they could not consider cost as part of the grant proposal because I was concerned about that.

Other:

1. **Public Access and Trail Development** – This was approved by the council. Thank you for all of your feedback.
2. **Invoices** –
Stantec Invoice – David Hess motioned to pay invoice in the amount of \$389.25 to be paid out of the conservation carry over fund Jim Walter seconded. Motion passes unanimously

Upton & Hatfield Invoice – David Hess motioned to pay invoice in the amount of \$2,114.00 to be paid out of the current use fund Jim Walter seconded. Motioned passes unanimously

Reading Corp Purchase – Steve Couture motioned to purchase the property in the amount of \$235,028.15 David Hess seconded. Motioned passes unanimously
3. **Clay Pond Clean up Update** – John Turbyne motioned to approve an additional \$1,750.00 for the tire and bus clean up Jim Walter seconded Motioned passes unanimously

Correspondence:

All correspondence was reviewed by the commission

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

David Hess motioned to enter into non-public Jim Walter seconded voted unanimously

Jim Walter motioned to exit non-public session John Turbyne seconded voted unanimously

Adjournment – Jim Walter motioned to adjourn John Turbyne seconded voted unanimously