

**Hooksett Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 6, 2013**

Call Meeting to Order: 6:00pm

Attendance: Cindy Robertson – Vice Chair, Jocarol Woodburn – Alt-Member, John Turbyne – Alt-member, Phil Fitanides – Member, Jim Walter – Member, David Ross – TC Rep, Frank Kotowski – PB Rep, Steve Couture – Chair excused, Dave Hess – Member excused

Public Input: none

Meeting Minutes: Jim Walter motion to approve the meeting minutes from June 4, July 2, July 10, seconded by John Turbyne voted unanimously

Appointments:

Heads Pond Update and Conservation Easement – Ron Corriveau, Manchester Sand & David Campbell

Dave Campbell – We are here to propose a change that we have thought about for two years. We have a proposal and we have talked to DES about this and wanted to talk you before we head to the Planning Board.

The yellow area will be the town park, purple is for the school and the triangle will become part of the Town parcel which is 25 acres. We had to do a swap to get the road in. Parcel E states it will be held by either Audobon Society or a lake entity and we will be meeting to make sure they will still be a proper steward for that area and if not with Bear Paw is waiting in the wings and the acreage on that is 278. Then the great marsh which is 100 acreage and by adding Chesterfield would add roughly 10 acres. We are proposing to eliminate Chesterfield for development and put into conservation as well. I talked with Lori Sommer and she thought this was a great idea.

We are proposing the following, consolidate Parcel E – Open Space, The Great March-Parcel D and Chesterfield – Parcel F on the approved Head’s Pond Project Subdivision Plan into one large parcel and transfer the density of 48 units from Chesterfield to Lakins Landing Anything on the east side of Chester Turnpike goes into conservation easement. This is roughly 400 acres.

We did make a commitment to Mrs. Gagne that we would make this all conservation but also give her access to her property.

Ron Corriveau – We put radio monitors on the Blanding Turtles so that we know where they are going and before we start work in the wetlands we have to ensure that there are no Blanding Turtles in the construction in the wetlands and once the all of the wetland work is complete the monitoring of the Blanding Turtles goes away.

On the back side of the Marsh there is an old sand pit and that is where all of the Blanding turtles were going.

David Campbell – I want to let you know that these easements are being given as part of our mitigation. We are in the process of selling roughly 400 acres to an entity and will be approved shortly we are in the P&S phase for this purchase.

Jim Walter - Will there be a wetland impact by changing the density?

Ron Corriveau – No there are no impacts in that area.

Jim Walter motioned to write a letter of support to consolidate Parcel E – Open Space, The Great March-Parcel D and Chesterfield – Parcel F on the approved Head’s Pond Project Subdivision Plan into one large parcel and transfer the density of 48 units from Chesterfield to Lakins Landing seconded by Phil Fitanides voted unanimously

Commission Reports:

- 1. Old Home Day** – Jim Walter would like to continue the tradition of participating in Old Home Day and has reserved our spot. We will need a canopy and I would like purchase \$100 worth of bumper stickers. I would also like to have some large maps to show what we have been doing.

Cindy Robertson motioned to give \$100 to Jim Walter for the purchase of Bumper stickers seconded by Phil Fitanides voted unanimously.

- 2. Merrimack Riverfront Project** – We're waiting to hear from Atty. Spinella on one remaining issue to be resolved with Mason. I'll check with him Monday to see where that is. Kevin McEneaney is finalizing the conservation easement survey showing the proposed parking area and the field opposite the island being excluded from the Special Management Zone.

Mark Dunn is completing his title opinions on the Bailey and MS&G parcels. I am doing a benchmark site walk with Lori and an historical resources person on the 14th to get agreement on the locations of our proposed trails and document the existing ones.

- 3. Executive Summary for Clay Pond RFP** – Jocarol Woodburn – Maybe our time frame was to tight and maybe scaling it back just a little.

David Ross – Maybe we should follow up as to why no one submitted a proposal for the Stewartship Plan.

Cindy Robertson – We are going to follow up with some of the firms as to why they did not submit a proposal.

- 4. Quimby Mountain** – N/A

- 5. Pinnacle Park** – John Turbyne – I met with Mr. Gott he lives on the Ardon Drive side of the Pinnacle he accesses it from Bud Locke’s sister’s parcel and he would just like to see some language changed on the signs. He would like to see the sign that says No Trespassing changed to Trail Closed Beyond This Point. He needs to go beyond our sign in order for him

to get off of the Pinnacle. We now have a reasonable alternate trail to the Old Carriage trail it needs to be walked in but the switchback trail has been created. I think what we have in place should satisfy all parties involved. I believe adding the two signs that state Trail Closed Beyond This Point. I believe what we have done so far has reduced the traffic behind some of the neighbor's houses. Next step as I see it is trying to get someone out there with a GPS to mark the trails. Then the official trails will need to be approved here and then at Council. We will have some of the brush removed from the Ardon Drive side.

Other:

1. **Conservation Commission Meeting and Secretary** - Jim Walter motioned to move Conservation Commission Meetings to the 2nd Monday of the month at 6pm and to keep Jodi Pinard as secretary seconded by Phil Fitanides voted unanimously

Correspondence:

All correspondence was reviewed

Other:

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

Adjournment – Jim Walter motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:30pm John Turbyne seconded voted unanimously