

Hooksett Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 12, 2016
UNOFFICIAL

Cindy Robertson called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance was recited by all present.

Conservation Commission Attendance: Cindy Robertson-Vice Chair, Deborah Miville-Member, JoCarol Woodburn-Member, David Hess-Alternate,

Not Present: Steve Couture-Chair, Phil Fitanides-Member, David Ross-Town Council Rep, Todd Lizotte-Alternate

Staff: Jim Donison and Leann Fuller

Public Input: N/A

Consent Agenda:

- I. Back to Basics Soils Workshop- Read at leisure-Out of date
- II. Winter Botany Workshop- Read at leisure-December 16th
- III. Forest Laws Workshop- Read at leisure-December 14th
- IV. New Hampshire Association of National Resource Scientists-December Quarterly Meeting- Read at leisure-Out of date
- V. Approval of 2017 Conservation Commission Meeting Schedule-Approved.
 - a. JoCarol asked about the 4pm start time for the meetings. It is a problem for her as she has to rush to make it on time. It was discussed by those present that 4:30pm may be a better time. Cindy stated that the Jan 9th meeting will be at 4pm. At the January 9th meeting, it can be discussed about changing the start time to 4:30pm.
- VI. Comments and concerns letter sent to NHDES Wetlands Bureau in regards to file # 2016-02989- Number of docks by Merrimack River development, discussed at last meeting. This just described our comments, no response from NHDES.

David Hess made a motion to approve Consent Agenda. Deborah Miville seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Minutes:

- I. October 17, 2016: On page. 1, under attendances, David Hess needs to be changed to alternate not member and Deborah Miville should be listed as member.

Deborah Miville made a motion to approve the minutes for October 17, 2016 as amended, seconded by David Hess. Motion passed.

- II. November 14, 2016: On page 1, under attendance, David Hess should be listed as alternate, not member.

JoCarol Woodburn and David Hess abstain from voting to approve minutes as they were not present at the November meeting. These minutes will be moved to the next meeting to be voted on.

Appointments:

- I. **Daniel Kern, Executive Director of Bear-Paw Regional Greenways:** Unable to attend. Daniel sent an email stating he was going to bring over an updated project budget for the proposed conservation easement project on the Hooksett owned properties near the Bow town line (lots 2, 3, 4 & 5, Tax Map 12). It includes the \$11,414 grant that we will receive from the Merrimack Conservation Partnership (if it is accepted) and a proposal for the survey from Berry Survey (\$12,000). The net cost to the town would now be \$14,336. Daniel will cover these items at the next meeting in January. Also, The Heroux project is ready close, we are just waiting on NHDES for funding. Mark Dunn will be handling the closing.

Jim Donison: Daniel also included a list of transaction costs, everything totaled (including survey of 12,000) was \$18,250.00. Stewardship Fee was \$7,500.00. Total cost is \$25,750.00. The project funding included the MCP Transaction Grant of \$11,414 and the Conservation Fund of \$14,336.

Dave Hess: I would like to talk to Dan about that. The \$12,000 for the survey is an extraordinary large amount considering that we have at least two sides of the property, if not three that have already been surveyed. It is basically a rectangle.

Cindy: If Dan is going to come in January, can the breakdown of project be part of the materials packet we received?

Jim Donison: Yes

Dave: I would like to have a copy of that project breakdown for Wednesday night, too.

Jim Donison: Sure

Development Reviews:

- I. **Shooter's Outpost:** -Old concrete foundation built 20 years ago in the back. No wetlands impacts. Jim reviewed the plans with present members. Will be used as office space, ice cream shop, and a tenant. Jim read from plans of Shooter's. No real impacts. They will be using the existing parking lots and taking down a small building.

Jim Donison: Supreme Industries, which you have seen before, they are the people that are looking at the Lilac Park property, if you recall that. They want to build a retail area and there was a site walk because there was potential of impacting prime wetland. They are coming back to the Planning Board with revised plans.

Deborah Miville: What did they revise?

Jim Donison: I don't know. The planning board was not comfortable with their access, if you recall. There was a driveway within a 40 ft. right of way in between two residential lots and the comments that were made were not favorable towards them using that as access to their retail/office space so they have to change everything. They do a lot of work for Eversource. They go around and cut trees and they have to go across wetlands. As part of that wetlands crossing they use these wooden logs, so they are storing thousands of these logs.

Other business: Projects, Invoices, Etc.

- I. Stantec-Invoice for \$2,635.80: Merrimack Riverfront Trail Design, Construction monitoring**
JoCarol Woodburn: Was this there last invoice?

Cindy Robertson: I do not know. It says Construction monitoring is 49.77% complete. It looks like they are not done with construction monitoring or the remaining will be completed as we continue the project.

Jim Donison: I do not know. I do not think anything has happened. It is possible they did some type of follow up.

**Motion made by JoCarol to approve the payment of this invoice, seconded by David Hess.
Motion passed.**

- II. Work Safe Traffic Control Industries, Inc. - Invoice for \$187.50:** Motion made by Deborah Miville, seconded by JoCarol Woodburn. Motion passed.

III. Swift Corwin-Updates:

- a. Clay Pond Compartment 1 should be ready the first of the year or before**
- b. Marking will be finished at Clay Pond C1 by December 15th**
- c. Contract for the Town of Hooksett for C1 and the Boston Aggregate will be done by December 20th**
- d. The plan is for the crew to do C1 and then move to the Boston Aggregate piece to do that through the balance of the winter**

Cindy Robertson: Jim, are they just marking?

Jim Donison: I don't know actually. I would say so. I know there is no tree cutting happening.

Cindy Robertson: I do not have the stuff in front of me. The stuff he was talking about in the October meeting when he was here. I assume they are talking about marking the trees in those particular areas. We might want to look at that and get a better sense of where things stand and what is going on out there. It might have been in his presentation when he was here in October. That might fill in the blanks. If he is going to be finished by the 15th, I would assume that is December. Maybe we can get an update so we can notate that in January.

IV. Richard A. Boisvert, PhD of New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources sent a letter to the Conservation Commission backing Donna Thompson's clay research efforts.

V. David Hess: I don't know if I mentioned this but earlier in the fall, I stopped by and visited with Charlie Lugee, he is up at the Goldenview nursing home in Meredith. Charlie owns the parcel right next to our parcel on Quimby Mountain. It has well over 1000 feet of frontage, open field and it goes all the way up to the top of the mountain. Charlie is still not interested in selling or giving us easements. He has a son that lives in Campton. He wants to keep it.

Cindy Robertson: Does he have heirs?

David Hess: Yes, he has a son that lives in Campton.

Cindy Robertson: Does he want to keep it or just really does not want to fool with it?

David Hess: He wants to keep it.

David Hess Made motion to adjourn, seconded by JoCarol

Meeting adjourned at 4:31pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

**Leann Fuller
Administrative Assistant**