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1 Present: Marge Badois, Chair; Gene Harrington, Vice Chair; Mike Noone, member; Bob Maxwell, 2 member; and Mike Speltz, alternate member 3 4 Absent: Deb Lievens, member; Mike Byerly, member; Richard Floyd, member; Jocelyn Demas, alternate 5 member; and Town Council liaison member 6 7 Also present: Amy Kizak, GIS Manager/Comprehensive Planner and Beth Morrison, Recording Secretary 8 9 Marge Badois called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. She appointed M Speltz to vote for D Lievens M. Noone made a motion to open public hearing for the purpose of acceptance of land donation, Map 10 11 16 Lot 97. G Harrington seconded the motion. The motion passed, 7-0-0. 12 Public Hearing – Acceptance of land donation Map 16 Lot 97: M Speltz reviewed the presentation that 13 was made to the Town Council with the Commission. He noted that this is a small parcel, 3 acres in size, 14 near the south side of the Rail Trail that runs near the Peat Bog that was offered for donation to the 15 Town. He said that the land is approximately 2/3 wet, 1/3 upland and abuts the state owned 16 conservation land. He stated that the woods road is a possibility to work with Trailways with a bench or 17 picnic table there. He explained that this land donation would extend the area of protected lands held 18 by the state and Eversource. He said that the Town Council has already approved the donation subject 19 to this public hearing held tonight by the Commission. 20 G Harrington made a motion to close the public hearing. B Maxwell seconded the motion. The motion 21 passed, 5-0-0. 22 G Harrington made a motion to accept the land donation of Map 16 Lot 97. B Maxwell seconded the 23 motion. The motion passed 5-0-0. 24 **Unfinished Business** 25 Hickory Hill parking: M Badois told the Commission that Eversource did respond to her letting her know 26 that they are still working on it. She said that she would contact Charlie Moreno and see if he has 27 someone on deck that could help with the grading once all cleared by Eversource. B Maxwell said he 28 thinks a new gate should be installed. M Badois said that Eversource suggested pushing the gate farther 29 into the trail and told the Commission she would continue to work on this. 30 Scobie Pond paddle: M Badois asked if anyone had seen any advertising for this. M Noone said he

believes he saw some advertising on Facebook. M Badois said she would email J Demas and ask her



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about advertising. B Maxwell asked if this event could be put on the Town's website. A Kizak told him to email Kirby Brown, Executive Administrative Assistant, as she handles that.

Conservation Officer Tasks: M Badois passed out some information that she received regarding the Conservation Officer hours, cell phone number, email and what his tasks would be. She said that the officer has been out on the trails and has some issues for the Commission. She noted the first was regarding one of the railings at the Overlook either came loose or was kicked loose and thought this could potentially be a liability and wanted to know how to fix it. G Harrington wondered if the railing could have come loose with the storms from this past weekend. M Noone said that he would take a look at it and if it needs something simple, he could take care of it, but should it be more involved, he would call the person who built it to come fix it. She said the other issue was a phone call from 103 Adams Road stating the dam was breached on the Rallston Track and asked if the Commission knew if Fish & Game might have done this. The Commission reviewed the area on the map noting that the beaver dam is on a privately owned parcel. M Badois asked if there was a regulation that prohibits residents from destroying beaver dams. G Harrington said that as long as the resident does it by hand without any machines, they can destroy the dam.

- Faucher Rd Trailhead Pedestrian Count: A Kizak reviewed the results of the count with the
 Commission. She the count was performed from June 15 -27, 2019. She told the Commission that the
 next count will be performed at Adams Pond Trail.
 - **Evans Parcel:** M Badois told the Commission that the deed is being finalized. M Speltz said that he pointed out two problems when reviewing the deed. He said the first problem was the language being used was an easement when it is a restriction. He said the second problem was that certain corners are shown as un-monumented, and this needs to be fixed. He said that New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) has sent a message to Bruce Gilday to make those corrections. M Badois asked if it would be up to the Commission to keep this area passable. M Speltz said that it would be as it would be the Commissions' access easement. G Harrington asked if a monument should be placed in the center of the path rather than at boundaries for monitoring. M Speltz said he thought that would be appropriate for a monument. He said he would pass along this information to Bruce Gilday.
 - **NHDOT letter:** M Speltz said that New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) sent out a letter looking for potential projects for mitigation. He noted that right now there are no owners for the Commission to work with, so he has looked through the Open Space Plan to see which parcels might apply. He said that he took the 2010 list and annotated it with comments and is going to send it out by email for the Commission to review.

New Business:



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65 Kendall Pond invasives: M Badois informed the Commission that she noticed invasives at the kiosk and there might be more throughout the trail. She said that she is thinking about organizing a work day for 66 67 volunteers to help pick invasives. 68 Leadership: M Badois informed the Commission that there time slot for the leadership class will be 69 January 9, 2020. She said that they can use the material they used last time. 70 Maps: B Maxwell made a request for more maps to be ordered as he has a low supply. A Kizak said that 71 she has updates to the Kent Allen Forest and possibly the Rail Trail. G Harrington made a motion not to 72 exceed \$600 for trail maps from the Conservation Fund. B Maxwell seconded the motion. The motion 73 passed, 5-0-0. 74 Candidate - Susan Malouin: S said that she was informed by Kirby Brown to go to Mondays Town 75 Council meeting. She told the Commission that she is a lawyer by trade, but her passion in conservation 76 is the control and eradication of invasive species. She also noted that she specializes in creating 77 backyards habitats for animal species, specifically bluebirds. M Noone made a recommendation to the 78 Town Council to accept Susan Malouin for the open alternate position on the Conservation Commission. 79 G Harrington seconded the motion. The motion passed, 5-0-0. 80 Minutes: The Commissioners went over the public minutes from June 25, 2019. B Maxwell made a 81 motion to accept the minutes as amended. M Noone seconded the motion. The motion passed, 5-0-0. 82 Adjournment: G Harrington made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m. B Maxwell seconded 83 the motion. The motion passed, 5-0-0. 84 Respectfully Submitted, 85 **Beth Morrison** 86 Recording secretary