

MOULTONBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 6, 2015

Meeting started at 10AM. Members present: Marie Samaha, Chair, Bill Gassman, Sec., John Oliver, Jim Nelson (seated as regular member), Brian Sanford (seated as regular member) and Anna Boudreau, Staff Land Conservation Specialist, from Truslow Resource Consulting, LLC.

The ConCom hired Anna to help with the protection of the Lees Pond Preserve. Discussion went into the terms of her contract, deliverables, approaches and options along the way. Anna suggested that if an environmental study is required, Truslow should be included in the bid process, as it would save money to have them do it as part of a grant writing process. She also said that the ConCom can keep her on retainer and be billed per engagement for future projects.

Public discussion about protecting the Lees Pond Preserve included mechanisms for funding, requirements for public hearings and select board approvals. Anna informed us that an appraisal can come after an agreement with the seller, if there is language in the contract to treat that contingency.

At 10:30 AM, Marie moved, seconded by Bill, to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (d) to consider the acquisition of real property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community. On a roll call vote: it was unanimous to enter into a non-public session. The commission will reconvene after the Non-Public session to discuss town meeting and fund raising for the project.

At 11:20AM the commission exited a Non-Public Session at having voted by a vote of 2/3 or greater of the members present to seal the minutes as it is determined that divulgence of the information likely would render the proposed action ineffective. A roll call vote was unanimous.

Discussion among the commission members and Anna continued on ideas for fund raising. The next meeting will be held on the topic, after negotiations with the property seller.

The commission discussed what information to hand-out at the upcoming town meeting. The decision was to include some information about the Lees Pond Preserve, along with water quality information.

Bill is tasked with asking the Moultonborough Bay Inlet water quality study manager about modeling the nutrient load if the Lees Pond Preserve property was fully developed.

At 11:45, Jim Nelson moved to adjourn, seconded by John Oliver and approved by all.

Respectfully submitted
Marie Samaha; Chair and Bill Gassman; Secretary