

MOULTONBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF October 5, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM. Members present were Marie Samaha, Chair, Bill Gassman, Secretary, Bob Patenaude, Scott Bartlett (seated as planning board rep), and alternate Brian Sanford seated as voting member.

Minutes:

The minutes from September 8, 2015 were reviewed. Scott made a motion to approve them, Brian seconded and all approved. Brian made a motion to approve the September 8'th minutes and Scott seconded. All approved.

Permits/Applications/Correspondence/Complaints:

The group discussed the comments had been made about the Dollar General proposal for the property across from Blake Road. Those comments from the last review are still appropriate, but this time, a court has approved DG's water management system, so it is unclear if comments from the ConCom will be accepted. The planning board will be reviewing the new application.

A complaint came in about a manure problem stored near wetlands. Marie will be discussing how to go forward with this, with the town planner.

A question about Japanese Knotweed was received. Marie learned that Meredith mapped the invasive weed throughout their town.

A question came in about public use of conservation land on Yard Island, on Squam Lake. Marie researched the conservation easement and discovered that permission from the property owner's family is required before public use is approved.

NH Convention of Conservation Commissions will be held on November 7'th. Marie and Brian plan to go.

Lee's Pond Preserve

The property owner listed the 38 acres on Craig's List at <http://nh.craigslislist.org/reo/5249288047.html> for \$295,000. The Conservation Commission continues to have interest in the property, but has not reached an agreement.

A motion to pay up to \$289 to Truslow Consultants for work to date on Lees Pond Preserve was made by Bill, seconded by Scott and approved by all.

CC Goals/Mission Statement – 2015-2016

The group discussed which goals to move forward with. Proposed goals include:

1. Get the mechanics in place to start a fund raising campaign for the future.
2. Prioritize storm water management projects.
3. Develop a white paper for home owners, to aid in improving storm water management.

4. Conduct a workshop with the Lake Winnepesaukee Association to educate the public on a relevant topic.
5. Develop a youth conservation program.
6. Map and prioritize un-conserved lands, as well as map existing plans. This may be done in conjunction with the NRI update.
7. Review existing conserved lands for possible use as public recreation, solar farms or strictly protected for wildlife.
8. Map existing walking trails and work to reduce road kill through better road underpasses.

Brian has volunteered to reformat the goals for the next Conservation Commission meeting.

NRI

Marie is meeting with the town TA to write a proposal to update the NRI.

Highway Garage Report

Brian submitted a report of his meeting with Diana, Ed and Scott K at the garage, lot 134/31, regarding salty ground-water mitigation. Brian's report will be filed in the ConCom's property lot documentation folder.

Other Business:

The next meeting is November 2'nd at 7PM.

Adjourn: – Bill made motion at 9:17 to adjourn the meeting, Bob seconded and all agreed.

Minutes submitted, by Bill Gassman; Secretary and Marie Samaha; Chair.