

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
28 APRIL 2015**

Present: Commission members Ron Gehl (Chair), Curtis Richard, Bob Craycraft (Alternate), Recording Secretary Amy Smith.

Excused: Bill Malay, Charlie Berube

Others Present: Videographer Corky Mork, Greg Anthes

At 7:06 pm Chair Gehl called the meeting to order and designated Mr. Craycraft to sit in as a voting member.

Election of Officers

Chair Gehl suggested tabling the Election of Officers until the May meeting as two Commission members are absent.

Review of Minutes

Commission members reviewed the minutes of 31 March 2015.

Mr. Richard made a motion to approve the minutes of 31 March 2015 as written. Mr. Craycraft seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Review of Mail

Commission members reviewed the mail.

Moose Mountain Regional Greenways (MMRG) Update

Chair Gehl informed Commission members that Jack Savage of the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests was elected as Chair of the MMRG Board of Directors. Chair Gehl also stated MMRG is going to try and prioritize conservation projects between Towns in order to emphasize greenways.

Natural Resource Inventory

Chair Gehl asked Commission members to review the Natural Resources Inventory prepared in 2011 to re-familiarize themselves with the natural resources in New Durham. The Natural Resources Inventory will be discussed at the next meeting.

Clarke Project - Follow Up

Chair Gehl stated the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests would like the opportunity to thank the Town and the Selectmen for their facilitation of the Clarke project. Chair Gehl stated a date has not yet been arranged but he is hoping to coordinate it with a Conservation Commission meeting. Mr. Anthes stated he would attend. Chair Gehl stated if the timing does not work maybe it can be coordinated with a Board of Selectmen's meeting.

Monitoring Report - Holm

Chair Gehl asked Ms. Smith to put this item on the agenda for the 26 May 2015 meeting. Chair Gehl noted Commission member Bill Malay is the most familiar with this property and has completed the report in the past.

Tax Deeded

Chair Gehl asked Mr. Anthes if there is any activity with the tax deeded property. Mr. Anthes stated the Selectmen are putting the sale of tax deeded properties on hold. Mr. Anthes noted one of the tax deeded parcels was sold to an abutting land owner and another parcel was bought back by the bank that held the lien. Mr. Anthes noted neither parcel was in the Copple Crown Village District. Mr. Anthes stated he plans on taking the suggestions of the Planning Board and Conservation Commission regarding the tax deeded properties. Mr. Anthes stated if the Town should acquire any additional properties via tax deed he will submit them to the Planning Board and Conservation Commission for review. Commission members thanked Mr. Anthes for the update.

At 7:30 pm Mr. Craycraft made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Richard seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Smith
Recording Secretary