

**FINAL**  
**PRINCETON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES FOR MEETING**  
**May 17, 2016**

**PRESENT:**

Holly Palmgren, Brian Keevan, Ron Thompson, Renee McDonough and Sue Mitchell from the PCC were in attendance.

Brian Keevan called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Charlie Wyman (Audubon) and Pete Westover (Conservation Works, LLC) attended the PCC meeting. Conservation Works will be writing the Baseline Plan and the Management Plan on the 122 acre parcel. PCC will name the area the Calamint Hill Conservation Area. Pete Westover spoke with the PCC regarding the Baseline Draft to be done. Some of the items covered were parking at the landing, trails will be laid out at a future date, dogs leashed only, limited areas for horses, foot traffic allowed, hours dawn to dusk, no overnight parking, no motorized vehicles, no fires, carry in-carry out policy, no alcohol or glass bottles, no swimming, fishing is okay, vegetation controls.
- Fieldstone Farm 32 acre parcel Conservation Restriction needs to be finalized, the Audubon has signed off on this, now the PCC and then Princeton Selectmen need to sign. PCC signatures need to be notarized. Brian Keevan recused himself at 8:38 PM and returned at 8:41 PM.

• **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A Request for a Determination of Applicability was received from Brian Keevan for 32 Mirick Road for the construction of an unattached deck adjacent to the swimming pool, within the BVW. The Public Hearing was opened at 7:20 PM, at which time Brian Keevan recused himself from this project. A site visit took place on May 16, 2016 with John Vieira and Ron Thompson from the PCC, and Brian Keevan. The scope of work consists of digging 6 post holes for the deck supports as well as gently removing loam that was dumped against the stone wall by the previous owner and using it in the area of construction. A Negative #3 determination was made with a special condition regarding the soil removal from wall area. DCR's ruling that the project was exempt. Hearing closed at 7:28 PM and Brian Keevan came back as the Chair.

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- Stephen Stimson from Stimson Farm spoke to the PCC regarding the 4 Corners Lease. He will be sending the PCC a written progress report. The property has been hayed, used for raising livestock, and would like to use a portion for nursery stock. The plantings would be winterberry, spicebush, and hazelnut with a 5 year rotation plan. Other intentions are to cut a few groups of pine flush to let more light into the planting area. PCC will do a site visit on May 23, 2016 to view the areas in question.
- PCC received a letter dated May 10, 2016 to the Heritage Bible Church regarding work being done at the site, the letter was from Office of the Building Department Town of Princeton. Mary Ann DiPinto delineated the wetland boundaries for the Church. PCC determined that they need to file a RDA and all work has stopped until they get a Determination. The wetland lines need to be reviewed by the PCC during a site visit.
- Sue Mitchell left the meeting at 7:49 PM.
- 2016 Vegetation Control Program received for the Yearly Operational Plan for Providence & Worcester Railroad Company from Tec Associates. Vegetation control will be done June 28 thru July 11, 2016.

### **CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE:**

- A Request for a Certificate of Compliance was received from MaryAnn DiPinto for Wachusett Mountain Associates, 499 Mountain Road, Princeton for DEP File No. 267-167. A site visit took place May 16, 2016 with John Vieira, Brian Keevan, Sue Mitchell and Ron Thompson from the PCC as well as Mary Ann DiPinto. This project is from 1994 for Trail 11. A motion was made to continue this to the June 21, 2016 meeting.
- Mary Ann DiPinto discussed with the PCC other outstanding work at Wachusett Mountain Ski Area. She is trying to clean up all the old outstanding Orders of Conditions for that area. She has been in contact with Pricilla Geigis, the Director of Mass Parks.
- She also gave the PCC a list of plants that are being used for the reclamation of wetlands on the Calamint Hill Property that was the Markley property, now the Bourgeois property.
- A continuation for a Request for a Certificate of Compliance received from Thomas & Yvonne Pitzi for 71 Main Street, Princeton, DEP File No. 267-0385. A site visit took place on April 25, 2016 with John Vieira and Brian Keevan.

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John Vieira spoke to the property owner regarding the findings. The area was bare ground seeded with very little growth. A site visit took place on May 16, 2016 with John Vieira, Brian Keevan, and Ron Thompson from the PCC. The yard is greening up nicely. A Certificate of Compliance was issued for this project.

**FOREST CUTTING PLANS: None**

The minutes from the April 26, 2016 meeting was accepted with minor changes as noted. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50PM.

**Marsha Dowdy**

