Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes Feb 12, 2025

Present: Jennifer Bland, Mark Girard, Lisa Hyatt, Ryanne Schoonover (Select Board Representative), Rob Traver

Absent: Janet Slocum, Gregg Thibodeau, Robin Ungeheuer

Public Attendance: Lindley Hanson

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Review/approve minutes of January 8, 2025 – It was determined that we would hold off on approving these minutes until the next meeting, as there are changes that need to be made.

Organizational

- Annual confirmation of Commission Chair(s) and members
 - Members: Janet and Ryanne (appointment to be determined by the Select Board)
 - Co-Chairs: Jen and Gregg
- Funds/Budget
 - Forest Maintenance Fund \$3,913.25 -> \$3,913.57; \$0.32 interest
 - Conservation Land Use Fund
 \$20,08.74 -> \$16,810.23; debt \$3,200 Top Green Surveyor

(half payment) + \$1.49 interest.

Conservation Plan

- o Gregg to post the plan on FB and run the plan through Grammarly.
- Lindley to recommend integration of original geology/hydrology content and Lindley's additional content. –
 Lindley will work on her tasks she suggested that her notes can be reviewed by the committee,
 she would like feedback from the notes. Rob stated that he is going to touch base with Lindley about this.
- o Review of Rob's notes regarding Stella's suggestions. Gregg to provide an update on this at the next meeting.
- By-Laws
 - Gregg to run by-laws through Grammarly and update articles 8, 10, 12, and 13. Gregg to provide an update at the next meeting.

Forestry and Conservation

- Land Protection
 - Intents to Cut None
 - o Permits/complaints None
 - South Acworth Forest (map 249, lot 9) discuss next steps, GT to contact the Forester engage logger on what will be the best option to skid the logs out to Hillard and Grout.
 - Land Surveys Crescent Lake (map 201, lots 107 and 108) continued meetings to identify any/all issues, etc. that need to be addressed. So far, we have 21 issues across 10 properties involving 8 property owners and the town.
 - Easement Monitoring
 - Jen, Gregg to complete submission of annual reports to Land & Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) and Society for the Protection of NH Forests (SPNHF)
 - Pan-Northern Pierce Brook SPNHF (Jen) meet-and-greet introductory session.
- Water Protection (Crescent Lake, Cold River, watersheds, wetlands, ponds, and perennial streams)
 - Keyes Hollow HVA actions Solicit project plan and list of funding sources from other towns (Rob/Gregg)
 - Crescent Lake Watershed Assessment Vendor is on target of completing the assessment in June/July.

Communications, Training and Outreach

- Community Outreach
 - Newsletter next topics and next writer(s); draft due the 20th of the prior month
 - Lisa/Mark Apr-25Rob/Gregg Aug-25
 - Other educational topics Seasonal relevant topics, climate change impacts, property conservation options, water quality topics, etc.
 - Volunteer Field Events Crescent Lake Boundary Marking and Cleanup. Keyes Hollow Nature Trail

- At the next meeting we are going to set up the dates for the Crescent Lake boundary and marking and clean up as well as Keyes Hollow Nature trail.
- Town-wide clean-up for Earth Day is on April 22, 2025, discuss this at the next meeting and start
 advertising this event. It was suggested that we tie Keyes Hollow trail clean up into the Town Wide clean
 up—Mark Girard stated that he would like to see more boots on the ground in 2025 we have boots on the
 ground getting stuff done. RS talked about vol stuff, and it was agreed that we would like to have more
 field trips in 2025 for our meetings.
- Mark Girard let the committee know that once the snow is gone, they are going to do some repair work at Bowers Brook by the store, there was some rock slippage and no sediment buildup, and MG is also going to start doing water quality tests there.
- We need to do more field trips to our trails as well as to Crescent Lake where the loons nest, we need to
 get signage up and Lisa Hyatt suggested that we also do kiosks, that show information about, the habitat
 and other information to the area. Lisa will be happy to help with all that. Lindley asked if we are going to
 do signage identifying plants and trees. Highlighting certain things trees, ferns, tree canopies, and so
 on.
- Conservation meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

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- Next Meeting 12 March 2025 at 7 pm in the Town Hall.
 - Note: Annual Town Meeting is 11 March 2025 at 7 pm