

Town of New Hampton Conservation Commission

New Hampton Town Office
Upstairs Meeting Room, 6 Pinnacle Hill Rd.
Minutes

Monday, February 12, 2018

Commission members present: R. Leroux, G. DuBois, D. Moore (Chair), R. Pollock, T. Simpson
Absent: P. Schlesinger, B. Rolfe

Guest : Mike Maines, Maines Landscaping, Danbury, NH

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

1. Prior to the start of the meeting, Leroux announced that he marked the boundary or periphery of Kelly Island (Blueberry Island as the locals call it) with official markers.
2. Minutes of December 12, 2017 and special meeting of December 19, 2017 were reviewed and approved.
3. Mike Maines presented his two proposals for seasonal mowing and brush hogging of the perimeter around cellar holes at Kelly Drake Conservation Area. Commission discussed the need and regularity for the work. The proposal was tabled and the commission voted to revisit the work- project once spring has arrived.
4. Review of January 13, 2018 Commission's Annual Planning Retreat:
 - Chairman Moore reviewed two financial reports put together by the Town office. The Commission would find it very helpful in their work if they had quarterly financial statements showing income and expenses. Chairman Moore to arrange for the Town Office to prepared quarterly statements beginning in March.
 - Chairman Moore stated that the Town Select Board has agreed to meet with the Conservation Commission on a quarterly basis to report on the activities of the Commission. No date was set for the first meeting.
 - Recruitment of new members of the Commission was discussed, several names were brought up.
 - Goals for Kelly Drake, Snake River and Glines property were discussed. Pollock reported that the survey of the Glines Property has been completed by Brown Engineering and the boundary lines marked with New Hampton Conservation Commission markers. Commission members also reviewed the survey map of the property.
5. Discussion of stewardship Management Plans
 - Commission agreed solicit bids for stewardship management plans for Kelly Drake, and possibly other properties.
 - Chairman Moore introduced the idea of applying for a grant through NH Fish and Game to off-set cost of the plan. A plethora of other grants are also available through NHF&G.
6. The Commission Webpage, attached to the New Hampton Webpage should be updated with announcements of projects and work that has been done on properties, especially Kelly Drake.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gordon DuBois, Secretary