

TOWN OF NEW HAMPTON
Conservation Commission
Annual Planning Retreat
MEETING MINUTES
NEW HAMPTON TOWN OFFICE
NEW HAMPTON, NH 03256

January 11, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Regular Members: Mr. G. DuBois, Mr. T. Simpson, Ms. K. Peterson, Mr. R. Leroux, Mr. B. Pollock, Mr. M. Schofield, Mrs. S. Martinez, Mr. N. Brown
Absent Members: Mr. B. Rolfe

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Neil Irvine – Selectman Representative

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. DuBois called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

MINUTES

N/A

1. Review accomplishments for the 2019.

1.) Mr. DuBois discussed accomplishments from the year of 2019. This information will be presented in the yearly annual report.

2. Set goals for 2020.

- a) Snake River Parking**
- b) Cleanup of Jenness Spring Property.**
- c) Replacing signage for conservation areas.**
- d) Extend mowing/brush-hogging to Kelley-Drake apple orchard.**
- e) Establishing conservation easement of town owned property known as Bald Ledge, Robinson Falls, and Jackson Pond.**
- f) File System.**

2.) Mr. DuBois opened discussion for additional goals to be added to agenda for 2020. Mr. Leroux recommended that it has been 3 years since Snake River, KDCA, and Jenness Springs blazing and markers were completed. These should be identified, checked, and refreshed. He also recommended setting up a schedule for future monitoring of markers. He also gave an update on game cameras located on conservation properties. All cameras are in good working order, despite sensitive triggers. Regarding Dixon Hill he advised that logging has been complete. He has spoken with Bob Krauss (Land Management and Forestry survey team) who advised that they will put a pin in the rock wall to mark boundary line. Once that is completed NHCC can do a walk around with surveyor and place NHCC placards at this time.

a) Ms. Darrow has requested a 60-day extension for additional information from DES. Mr. Leroux recommended to follow-up with Ms. Darrow regarding additional charges that may incur from work hours that might exceed original approved estimate. Mr. DuBois will follow-up via email.

b) Mr. DuBois reiterated concerns with Jenness Spring Property. At this time Mr. DuBois will draft letter to owner of tapping equipment with specific timeframe for removal.
Mr. Schofield mentioned his concerns regarding the Jenness Spring parking area. Ms. Peterson discussed the potential of usable spring for town usage. Mr. Irvine advised about potential issues NHCC may encounter. Further investigation on potential spring will be done.

c) Mr. Brown attempted to create a new sign for conservation area and at this time recommends that it will probably be better to order new signs. Mr. Simpson suggested ordering one new sign per year. Youst Property is most in need of sign replacement. Ms. Martinez will follow-up with Industrial Corrections regarding wood signs.

d) Mr. Leroux advised that brush around KDCA orchard should be routinely maintained to avoid potential overgrowth. Mr. DuBois said that a grant could be requested for this type of work. If not then NHCC funds will need to be used to maintain area. Mr. Pollock was asked to locate a potential brush-hogger to maintain/mulch the area. Mr. Leroux also recommended using an herbicide to maintain brush around the edges of cellar holes. Mr. Irvine suggested following up with NH Energy Co-op for guidance on herbicides and/or public partnership in maintaining area.

e) Mr. DuBois opened discussion on easement potential on Bald Ledge Properties: Tax Map R8: Lots 1, 1R, 1S, 1-V, 1-U, 18, & 18-A. Ms. Peterson gave an overview of structure on how to start easement process. There was discussion about protection of the water rights regarding Bald Ledge. It was also recommended to do some background research on surrounding properties. Mr. DuBois has brought potential easement to the Lake Region Conservation Trust. He will submit application for their review.

Mr. Leroux discussed reasons to conserve town property on Jackson Pond. Mr. DuBois will include Jackson Pond into Bald Ledge Easement Application; he also recommends discussing Jackson Pond Conservation with Squam Lake Conservation Commission/ Association. Mr. DuBois will follow-up with SLCC/A as well.

Mr. Pollock mentioned that he would also like to see Robinson Falls conserved. He said that there may be funds available from different entities within the state. Ms. Martinez will research application process.

Mr. DuBois discussed potential resignation and appointments for the 2020 year.

f) Filing will be completed during the duration of meeting.

Announcements/Other Business:

None

Public Comment:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Irvine made a motion, seconded by Mr. Simpson to adjourn meeting at 11:10 a.m. *Vote was unanimous.*

Respectfully submitted, Shana M. Martinez