

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

December 9, 2019

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.
Absent Members: Mr. B. Rolfe, Mr. N. Brown

OTHERS PRESENT:

N/A

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. DuBois called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE
MINUTES

None

Mrs. Martinez made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peterson to approve minutes of 11/11/2019 with the following amendments:

- Add 1U and 18A to lots referenced on page one and page two.
- Rick Van de Pool will be corrected to Rick Van de Poll.

1. Monitoring reports for Merrill and Swain Properties, Dixon Hill/Scribner- Fellows State Forest and Jenness Spring.

1.) Mr. Simpson gave his review on monitor report on the Youst Conservation area. Mr. Simpson said that the area was not clearly marked. Mr. Pollock provided current map with pins that were previously placed. Mr. Leroux recommended to add additional posts to identify current pins next spring.

2. Signage for Jenness Spring and Riverwood Drive Properties.

Mr. Schofield presented review of Jenness Spring. He invited the grandsons of Mr. Jenness to accompany him. All corners were located. Mr. Schofield indicated that the maple tapping debris that were identified in previous years are still there. Piles of town dumping/gravel is apparent. Mr. DuBois recommended to send a letter directly to Select Board to advise of current conditions and request for removal of gravel and to address violation of deed.

3. Set date for annual planning session.

4. Review of process for the creation of a conservation easement for Bald Ledge and Jackson Pond town properties.

Mr. DuBois made a motion, seconded by Mr. Leroux to draft letter to Select Board advising previous talking points.

Vote was unanimous.

5. Any other business.

Mr. DuBois presented review of Dixon Hill conservation easement area, he completed review with Mr. Brown. There are no official boundaries; there are three stone walls located around area. Mr. DuBois emailed Mr. Robert Hardy with Forest and Lands with a suggestion to mark the boundary line. He mentioned it appeared a lot of logging has been done and noted it in report, however logging of the easement is allowed for maintenance and wildlife. Deer and fox were observed. Mr. Leroux received an email from Forest and Lands

Administrator Tracey Boisvert advising that their surveyors will go out to locate and mark property corners once logging is complete. Once complete NHCC is welcome to mark conservation easement with placards.

Mr. DuBois and Mrs. Martinez gave review of Merrill and Swain Property easement, markers were located. There was some camping debris located, deed does mention that camping/tenting area is allowed. It is noted in report that debris looks damaged and unused.

2.) Mrs. Martinez said that her husband Lucas would also like to help refurbish and restore conservation signs. She will follow-up with Mr. Brown to see which signs he would like to work on and determine best time to address signs.

3.) Annual NHCC retreat date is set for January 11, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. Mr. Leroux recommended to reserve time to address Commission files. He will email outline via town office.

4.) Mr. DuBois dispersed information for Ms. Barbara Richter regarding the process of creating an easement. Mr. DuBois will schedule an informational meeting with Ms. Richter. Ms. Peterson provided feedback on potential information that will be needed in easement process and how it can apply to timeframe.

**Announcements/Other
Business:**

Notification of NH State dredge and fill application on RTE 132, no vote/approval needed.

Notification of timber cutting on property located on Tax Map R6 Lot #13, no vote/approval needed.

Public Comment:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Peterson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Simpson at 8:10 p.m.

Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted, Shana M. Martinez