

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

February 10, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

None

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. DuBois called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Mr. Pollock made a motion, seconded by R. Leroux to accept 12/9/2019 & 1/11/2020 minutes as submitted. *Vote was unanimous.*

Correspondence

None

1.) Call to order.

1.) Mr. DuBois called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He introduced new alternate member Ms. Deb Pendergast.

Mr. DuBois appointed S. Martinez to vote in place of Ms. Peterson and Ms. Pendergast to vote in place of Mr. Simpson.

2.) Signs.

2.) Mrs. Martinez presented two invoices from NH Correctional Industries for (5) KDCA aluminum "no camping" signs in the amount of \$96.00 and 1- 3x4 hemlock wood sign for Youst Conservation area in the amount of \$170.00.

Mr. Leroux made a motion seconded by Mr. Pollock to approve and pay invoices for signs. *Vote was unanimous.*

Invoices were signed by Mr. DuBois. Mrs. Martinez will submit to treasurer for payment.

3.) Snake River Parking

3.) Mr. DuBois and Mr. Pollock met with Ms. Darrow from Right Angle Engineering and at this time are working on new design for parking area to minimize wetland impact. Mr. DuBois will continue to follow-up and also to verify any additional charges from Right Angle Engineering. Mr. DuBois recommended meeting with Ms. Darrow to review new plans prior to next CC meeting on 3/9/2020. Commission agreed to meet at 7:00 p.m. on Monday 2/24/2020.

4.) Fourth Quarter Financial Report

4.) Review of 4th Quarter Financial Report.

5.) New Wetland Rules.

5.) Mr. Pollock distributed handout of new wetland rules. He gave an overview of the new regulations. Mr. Pollock advised new process behind applications and NHCC involvement in reviewing them.

6. Jackson Pond.

6.) Mr. DuBois recognized Mr. Leroux and Mr. Simpson for identifying Jackson Pond as an important area to conserve. Mr. DuBois met with

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Squam Lake Conservation Society (SCLS) to discuss conserving Jackson Pond. SCLS would like to get involved in conserving area. They recommended a "Memorandum of Agreement" between SCLS and NHCC. Next steps are as follows: NHCC would need to provide \$5,000.00 for SCLS to take over legal process of the property. Conservation of property would need to be placed on a warrant article for the town to vote on in 2021. Mr. Pollock also mentioned that the town would need to convey Jackson Pond property to the NHCC. NHCC would then need to have property surveyed.

Mr. Leroux made a motion; seconded by Ms. Pendergast to approve the \$5000.00 to Squam Lake Conservation Society to create easement for Jackson Pond Property. *Vote was unanimous.*

7.) Bald Ledge.

Mr. DuBois gave update on Bald Ledge, still pending review under LRPC. Mrs. Martinez advised that she was not able to locate survey past 1975 and that since properties will need a new survey she recommended merging all the lots. Mr. Pollock advised that lot merger could be done through planning board. NHCC is in agreement to merge lots to streamline easement process.

8.) Any Other Business.

Mrs. Martinez mentioned that she spoke with LCHIP in regards to Robinson Falls project. She advised process and potential amounts LCHIP could provide. She recommended a member of NHCC to attend their Grant Writing Workshop on 04/08/20. She was told that there are potential other outlets within the state to possibly assist with costs regarding project. Commission agreed to continue with LCHIP process.

Mrs. Martinez gave overview of information she researched regarding Alfred Jenness Spring. She spoke with NHDES- Groundwater representative Mr. Paul Susca. He advised that at this time the State of NH does not regulate springs within towns. There are no permitting, or building requirements. Decision remains with the town itself. She also spoke with Conservation Commissions within the area. There were recommendations of frequent testing and construction such as a pipe to further reduce contamination. Mrs. Martinez will meet with Select board to get their thoughts on potential project.

Mr. Pollock discussed some information behind Aquatic Resource Mitigation (ARM) Grants. He recommended that NHCC needs to start identifying areas to protect certain brooks and culverts in town.

Mr. Leroux made a motion; seconded by Mr. Pollock to add visitation (monitoring) reports to the open space plan. *Vote was unanimous.* He also brought in NHCC markers, signs, 2-game cameras w. protective boxes and gate key to KDCA.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Leroux made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Pollock at 9:07 p.m. *Vote was unanimous.*

Respectfully submitted, Shana M. Martinez