

Town of New Hampton Conservation Commission Minutes

March 11, 2019

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

Members present: T. Simpson, Chair, R. Pollock, G. DuBois, R. Leroux, M. Schofield, S. Martinez

Absent: K. Peterson, P. Schlesinger, B. Rolfe (wintering in Florida).

Meeting called to order by Chairman Simpson at 7:04 p.m.

- Shana Martinez was introduced to the Commission as its new member, replacing Pat Schlesinger's seat on the Commission.
- Minutes of the February 11, 2019 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Leroux to change under New Business: Commission reviewed the *Open Space Plan* and approved the following changes:
 - Hope-Swain property change to 5.1 acres
 - Merrill property change to 2 acres
 - Smoke rise property that is contiguous to Kelley-Drake Conservation Area**TO: Commission reviewed their *Open Space Plan* with regards to the Hope-Swain, Merrill and Smoke Rise properties, noting acreage for each property.**
Motion was seconded by Schofield; Commission votes to approve the changes.

New Business:

- Chairman Simpson read a Letter of Agreement from Erin Darrow of Right Angle Engineering dated 3/11/19 stating that the driveway, parking and wetlands permit for the Snake River Conservation Area will need to be approved and signed by the New Hampton Select Board.
- Mr. Leroux agreed to order and place signage in key locations on conservation lands.
- Mr. DuBois announced that Pat Schlesinger donated funds to purchase materials for the construction of a Kiosk at the entrance to Kelley-Drake. Select Board approved. Kiosk will be built by a volunteer and erected when the changes in the parking lot have been completed.
- Chairmen Simpson announced that Pat Schlesinger has resigned from the Commission. DuBois made a motion to honor Pat for her many years of service to the Commission. Seconded by Pollock, approved unanimously. Chairman Simpson will discuss with

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Barbara Lucas on the appropriate way in which to honor Pat and report back to the Commission.

- Chairman Simpson made a reminder of the apple pruning workshop to be held on 3/17 at the Rocks Estate.
- Commission discussed the possibility of moving Conservation Commission filing cabinets to the upstairs meeting room, where the Commission meets. This would provide easy access to files. Chairman Simpson agreed to meet with Barbara Lucas regarding this request.
- Chairman Simpson shared his concerns regarding HB 442, prohibiting the hunting of coyotes out-of-season supported by the NHACC. A motion was made by Leroux and seconded by Schofield to send a letter the NHACC stating the Commission's position. Mr. Pollock will write letter.
- Election of Officers is scheduled for the April 8th meeting. Mr. DuBois announced that he will not continue as Secretary and Chairman Simpson announced that he will no longer serve as Chair of the Commission. Mr. Pollock agreed to continue as Vice-Chair. A Chair and Secretary will need to be elected.

Old Business:

- The survey of the Glines Property by Kent Brown will be delayed until spring due to depth of snow pack.
- DuBois reminded commission of the Saving Special Places Conference, April 6th at Prospect Mountain H.S. Registration forms need to be submitted to the Selectmen's Office before March 21.
- The Commission would like to receive quarterly financial statement by the town treasurer. This issue has been discussed in the past. Commission still has not received any statements on a quarterly basis. Chairman Simpson agreed to meet with Barbara Lucas to discuss the issue and formalize the process.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gordon DuBois