

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

May 10, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Board Members: Shana Martinez, Bob Pollock, Deb Pendergast, Maurice Schofield

OTHERS PRESENT:

Cynthia Balcius, Kent Brown, Sarah Hoodlet, Kurt Nelson

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Martinez called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Wetlands Application- Dredge and Fill Stoney Bridge Environmental
Wetlands Application- A111 Transmission Line

MEETING MINUTES:

****Mr. Schofield made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Pendergast to accept the meeting minutes of 4-12-2021 as written. Vote was unanimous.***

**1. Stoney Ridge Environmental-
Minor Impact Wetland
Application; Mr. Justin Sherman.**

Ms. Balcius went over details of application and impacts of project. Mrs. Martinez mentioned that application has been reviewed. She reiterated a recommendation from Mr. McDonough regarding replacement of vegetation once grading was completed and maintaining vegetation. Mr. Pollock inquired about plant species list. Mr. Brown advised there is no specific planting list available at this time, this will however be included in final site plan. There was discussion of invasive and noninvasive plants. Chair of Conservation Commission will draft letter of support to NHDES.

**2. Eversource A-111 Rebuild
Project- Sherry Trefry**

Ms. Trefry introduced herself and discussed application and project. Current project consists of repairing line that was built in 1951. Wooden poles will be replaced with steel poles. Total project mileage is 10.6 miles, with 115 poles that will still need to be replaced, with one additional pole added in Franklin, NH. There is a necessity to raise height of some poles. Ms. Trefry discussed mitigation to areas that will be affected in New Hampton. Abutters are currently being notified. Eversource is trying to work with abutters to avoid land disturbance. Commission discussed concern with vernal pools in New Hampton that would be impacted. There was a suggestion to potentially complete project in winter to mitigate impact. Currently Commission has no immediate concern regarding Rebuild Project. Letter will also be provided from Commission to NHDES.

3. Bald Ledge Discussion/Update

Mrs. Martinez and Mr. Pollock met with Lisetta and Dr. Van de Pool to discuss Conservation Easement. There was discussion about ADA accessibility and preserving water rights. There will be an inspection to ensure there are no hazardous wastes issues. Dr. Van de Pool will wait until we are closer to completion of Conservation Easement to complete Baseline Data Report (BDR).

4. Snake River Discussion/Update

Mrs. Martinez has attempted to contact NHDES to discuss status of application. There has been no new information to date. At this time, the Commission will review whether to continue with project. Mrs. Martinez will review past grant information and Commission will continue to discuss on June 14th meeting and make decision about moving forward. Mrs.

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Martinez recommended potential rain gardens and informative kiosks. Mrs. Pendergast reiterated dumping issues in the area. Mr. Schofield and Mr. Pollock recommended potentially moving parking lot to a more appropriate location area away from wetlands.

5. Conservation Areas- Clean ups/Maintenance.

Mrs. Martinez spoke with the Town Office regarding process for Conservation Area Clean-ups. Commission will designate dates for clean-ups and follow-up with Town Office to obtain placard and notify transfer station of specific dates.

6. Discussion on Proposed Ground Water Ordinance.

Mr. Pollock discussed his revision of the Ground Water Ordinance. Final draft should be ready by July. Commission will ask Regulations Committee to be placed on July agenda to discuss further.

7. Any other business

Legal has reviewed conservation easement for Jackson Pond. Once Squam Lakes Conservation Trust reviews CE will be closer to finalization. Mrs. Martinez gave status of tree cutting grant application through Fish and Game, there should be more information by July on whether grant was awarded. She also brought up for discussion new project that Lake Region Conservation Trust is working on to conserve Huckins Farms. LRCT has asked for a possible donation and asked Commission if they would like to donate. ***Mr. Pollock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schofield to donate \$500.00 to LRCT for the Huckins Farm Conservation Project with a potential of another \$500.00 if LRCT can find another entity to match New Hampton Conservation Commission donation; for a potential total of \$1000.00 Vote was unanimous.**

Mrs. Martinez advised that she and Mr. Pollock were able to walk potential conservation property. Property does not have much lumber but would be beneficial as a hunting property. She also wanted it noted that CC still needs to locate a replacement for Mrs. Schlesinger's Tree at KDCA. Mr. Pollock will see if a smaller tree can be located that will be easier to establish.

Adjournment:

***Mr. Schofield made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pollock to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Vote was unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,
Shana M. Martinez