

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

June 14, 2021

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

OTHERS PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER: Mrs. Martinez called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter- NHDES Response to Snake River Dredge and Fill Application

MEETING MINUTES: ****Mr. Pollock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schofield to accept the meeting minutes of 5-10-2021 as written. Vote was unanimous.***

1. Election of Officers

Mrs. Martinez turned over meeting to Vice Chair Bob Pollock for the nomination of Chairman. ****Mrs. Pendergast made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pollock to nominate Mrs. Martinez for Chairman. Vote was unanimous.*** Mrs. Martinez resumed role as Chair to continue election of officers. ****Mr. Schofield made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Pendergast to nominate Mr. Pollock as Vice Chairman. Vote was unanimous. *Mr. Pollock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schofield to nominate Mrs. Pendergast as Secretary. Vote was unanimous.***

2. Snake River Update/Discussion

Mrs. Martinez presented Letter of Approval from NHDES regarding Snake River Dredge and Fill Application. Upon reviewing requirements of application, discussion of potential future costs, local dumping, and issues with current invasive plant species; the Commission has determined at this time to concentrate on creating an educational example of prime wetlands located at Snake River and not pursue continued development of parking lot in that location. There was discussion of creating kiosk and signage; also, the addition of video monitoring to track anyone dumping garbage. ****Mr. Schofield made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pollock to pause development of original parking lot project at this time. Vote was unanimous.*** Mrs. Martinez will follow-up with Right Angle Engineering and NHDES to advise of decision.

3. Bald Ledge Discussion/Update

Mrs. Martinez gave overview of items that will need to be addressed at Bald Ledge before moving forward with Conservation Easement. Mr. Schofield asked if lot with items could be separated from larger piece of original lot merger. Mr. Pollock mentioned that this was possible. Commission will first investigate costs of mitigating clean-up. Mrs. Martinez will also follow up with Lakes Region Conservation Trust about potential resources. Mr. Schofield will touch base with local vendor about costs for clean-up as well.

4. KDCA Accessibility

Commission discussed accessibility to KDCA and gate system. It was determined that currently there were not enough occurrences from the public to warrant reconfiguring gate systems for a different type of accessibility. Access can be requested via Town Office for review.

5. Old Home Day

Mrs. Martinez advised that Old Home Day has been confirmed for 8-14-2021. It would be beneficial to have a kiosk or information board to create exposure and potentially recruit new members for CC. Members will review schedules and item will be added to Conservation meeting on July 12, 2021.

6. Discussion on Proposed Ground Water Ordinance.

Mr. Pollock discussed talking points of proposed Ground Water Ordinance. ***Mrs. Pendergast made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schofield to recommend, and accept Mr. Pollock's revision of Proposed Groundwater Ordinance to present to Regulation Sub-Committee at their July meeting. Vote was unanimous.**

7. Any other business

Mrs. Martinez gave update on Jackson Pond, she advised that CE it is pending approval of specific language and addendums. Once both parties agree, CE will be closer to completion.

Mr. Pollock passed out informational article regarding Farm Conservations.

Adjournment:

***Mr. Schofield made a motion seconded by Mrs. Pendergast to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Vote was unanimous.**

*Respectfully submitted,
Shana M. Martinez*

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