

TOWN OF NEW HAMPTON
Conservation Commission
MEETING MINUTES
New Hampton Fire Dept., 26 Intervale Dr.
Training Room/Zoom Meeting ID: 846 3022 8084
NEW HAMPTON, NH 03256

July 13, 2020

Members Present:

Regular Members: Mr. B. Pollock, Mrs. S. Martinez, Ms. Peterson
Alternate Members: Mr. B. Rolfe
Absent Members: Mr. Maurice Schofield, Mrs. D. Pendergast, Mr. N. Brown

Other Present:

None

Call to order:

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

Minutes

Mr. Pollock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rolfe to accept the minutes of 6/9/20 as submitted. *Vote was unanimous.*

Correspondence

- DES Approval wetland application-Lake Waukewan Association

1. 2ND QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

1. Mrs. Martinez went over 2nd Quarter Financial Report; she will request report to be sent out from Town Office. Mrs. Martinez will follow-up with treasurer for itemized amount in deposits.

2. SNAKE RIVER STATUS UPDATE

2. Mrs. Martinez advised current update of Snake River. At this time Erin Darrow is still currently working with Dr. Van de Poll regarding design of parking area and mitigation design. She has also provided a current estimate of work to date in the amount \$2315.00 and provided an estimate of potential future costs. Mr. Pollock made a motion to approve the invoice for Ms. Erin Darrow/Right Angle Engineering in the amount of \$2315.00, seconded by Mr. Rolfe. *Vote was unanimous.*

3. BALD LEDGE DISCUSSION & REVIEW OF JUNE 29, 2020 LRCT SITE VISIT/REPORT, PROPOSAL REVIEW.

3. Mr. Pollock gave an overview of the LRCT Bald Ledge Site Visit on 06/29/20. Mrs. Martinez discussed meeting with Selectboard regarding merging all 7 of town owned properties. Selectboard agreed to lot merger and will move forward with lot merger application to Planning Board. Once complete Mr. Irvine will follow-up with Commission. Mrs. Martinez presented survey from Central Land Surveying; additional estimates are pending and should be available for review at the August meeting. Mr. Pollock mentioned that the State Property that abuts the Bald Ledge lots is very well marked. Ms. Peterson recommended keeping financial records of costs for all work being done.

Two additional estimates were submitted regarding Bald Ledge Property research: First estimate received from Mr. Shaun Legueux regarding Forest Management Plan in the amount of \$2398.11, Mr. Rolfe made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peterson to approve estimate for Mr. Shaun Legueux in the amount of \$2398.11. *Vote was unanimous.*

Second estimate from Dr. Rick Van De Poll for Rapid Ecological Assessment in the amount of \$3400.00. Ms. Peterson made a motion seconded by Mr. Pollock to approve the invoice amount of \$3400.00. *Vote was unanimous.*

4. JACKSON POND PROPOSAL REVIEW & STATUS UPDATE

4. Mrs. Martinez received update from Mr. Roger Larochelle. Squam Lake Association is still working on draft easement. Mr. Larochelle recommended having list of Commission requirements ready when it is time to review draft easement. Once draft easement is received Commission will also send draft to

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Town Legal Department for review. Commission reviewed and discussed survey estimates for Jackson Pond. It was agreed upon to award the contract to Central Land Surveying. Mr. Rolfe made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pollock to approve estimate in the amount of \$2200.00 to Central Land Surveying. ***Vote was unanimous.***

5. BRUSH HOGGING VENDOR & MOWING SCHEDULE FOR KDCA.

5. Mrs. Martinez advised that KDCA needs to be mowed. She mentioned that Commission has utilized Mr. Dean Huckins in the past and referenced November 2019 meeting minutes for approval of 2 mowing sessions not to exceed \$250.00. Mr. Pollock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rolfe to approve 2 sessions not to exceed \$300.00. ***Vote was unanimous.***

6. DISCUSSION ON VOLUNTEERS/NEW MEMBER SOCIAL MEDIA

6. The Commission discussed various opportunities to promote Conservation within the community. Mrs. Martinez will reach out to local schools later in the year to potentially set up informational meetings with school representative. Mr. Pollock inquired about an “adopt a spot” initiative, more research will be done. NHCC will also set up a Facebook page to keep people informed of current hikes conservation areas, and events.

7. YOUST SIGN PICK-UP & INSTALLATION

7. Sign is ready for pick-up Mrs. Martinez will pick it up when it is available in Concord. Mr. Rolfe will go by area to determine how to mount it appropriately. Mrs. Martinez will then send email to see if we can get volunteers from Commission to install new sign.

8. PAT SCHLESINGER TREE/REPLACEMENT.

8. Red Oak Tree that was planted at KDCA last season has died. Commission has agreed to replace tree. Mr. Rolfe will look into finding a Red Oak and will follow-up.

9. REVIEW/FEEDBACK FOR PROPOSED NEW HAMPTON GROUND WATER PROTECTION ORDINANCE.

9. Commission discussed proposed groundwater ordinance and will continue to review. Mrs. Martinez will add this to future agendas.

10. ALFRED JENNESS SPRING

10. Mrs. Martinez read letter from Legal regarding potential development & liability of Alfred Jenness Spring. At this time Commission has decided to no longer pursue developing Alfred Jenness Spring into an accessible/useable spring. Mr. Rolfe states that sap lines are gone however there is a large steel barrel 100ft from the parking area. Commission will see about removing it from the property. He also mentioned that there is a large amount of knotweed near the parking area. Mrs. Martinez will email Selectboard email address to request Public Works to address the knotweed.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11. Mr. Pollock spoke with Tom Crane with the Lake Wicwas Association; in the future Commission may need to discuss possibility of overlay district near Dolloff Brook. Mrs. Martinez will send an invitation at a future meeting to Lake Wicwas Association to discuss.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Pollock made a motion; seconded by Mr. Rolfe to adjourn at 8:26 pm. ***Vote was unanimous.***

Respectfully submitted, Shana M. Martinez