

TOWN OF NEW HAMPTON
Conservation Commission
MEETING MINUTES
New Hampton Fire Dept., 26 Intervale Dr.
Training Room/Zoom Meeting ID: 84595575453
NEW HAMPTON, NH 03256

August 10, 2020

Members Present:

Regular Members: Mr. B. Pollock, Mrs. S. Martinez, Ms. Peterson , Mr. Maurice Schofield

Alternate Members: Mr. B. Rolfe

Absent Members: Mrs. D. Pendergast

Other Present:

None

Call to order:

Mrs. Martinez called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Martinez appointed Mr. Rolfe to vote in place of Ms. Peterson. Ms. Peterson was accepted into meeting at 7:10 p.m. and Mr. Rolfe was placed back as an alternate.

Minutes

Mr. Pollock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rolfe to accept the minutes of 7/13/2020 as submitted. *Vote was unanimous.*

Correspondence

- NHDOT Letter – Project #2020-M309-1 Repair of slope failure Winona and Ames Brook Road.

1. PRLAC INVOICE REVIEW

1. Mrs. Martinez presented invoice in the amount of \$300.00 for yearly contribution to PRLAC. She advised that she has looked over PRLAC minutes and will follow-up with Mr. Draper (New Hampton PRLAC rep) about any projects in New Hampton. *Mr. Pollock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rolfe to accept and pay invoice in the amount of \$300.00 to PRLAC. Vote was unanimous.*

2. BALD LEDGE UPDATE

3. JACKSON POND UPDATE/DISCUSSION

4. KDCA-MAINTENANCE

5. YOUST SIGN INSTALLMENT

6. PAT SCHLESINGER TREE

7. REVISION OF CC BYLAWS

8. NEW HAMPTON FITNESS TRAIL

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

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

2. Mrs. Martinez has emailed Operations Director Lisetta Silvestri with Lakes Region Conservation Trust but has not heard back. She has confirmed with Mr. Lagueux and Dr. Van de Poll that it is ok to start and they will touch base when Forest Management Plan and Ecological Report will be completed. She also requested some feedback regarding Dr. Van de Poll's suggestion of a baseline documentation report (BDR). Ms. Peterson gave a description about what a BDR would include. Commission agrees that is something Commission should review. Mrs. Martinez will ask Dr. Van de Poll for estimate of additional costs and timeframe of BDR. She will present information at next month's meeting. She also advised that the other surveyor (Hambrook Land Surveying) verbally advised that he will not present a proposal due to his availability. Commission discussed estimate proposal submitted in the amount of \$12,000-\$15,000 from Central Land Surveying to complete survey of Bald Ledge Property. *Mr. Pollock made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peterson to approve the proposal estimate in the amount up to \$15,000.00 for Central Land Surveying. Vote was unanimous.*

3. Mrs. Martinez has been in contact with Squam Lake Conservation Society's Executive Director Roger Larochelle she advised SLCS that survey work has been approved and set to be completed within a month. Once complete SLCS will send draft easement documents for review.

4. Contact has been made with Mr. Dean Huckins and he will mow KDCA on 8/15/20. Mr. Pollock will meet with Mr. Huckins to open gate. Mr. Huckins confirmed that cost would be the same as last season in the amount of \$125.00/per pass. This amount was approved and noted in the meeting minutes of 7/13/2020.

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Mrs. Martinez and Mr. Schofield will also take some time to see the condition of the apple orchards and see about scheduling brush hogging.

5. Mr. Rolfe has looked to see what is needed to install Youst Sign. Mrs. Martinez will make arrangements to get sign to him for installation.

6. Mr. Rolfe is still currently looking for Red Oak Tree.

7. Mr. Pollock has submitted a revision for changes to CC by-laws that will change current language to “up to 7 board members and up to 5 alternates” to accommodate potential new members. Mr. Schofield made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rolfe to amend bylaws with the written language above. Vote was unanimous. Mrs. Martinez will submit revision to Town.

8. Mrs. Martinez recently went into town office to discuss the Nature Fitness Trail. It was initially presented that although the Commission had no involvement/or ownership of the trail the Conservation Commission could help facilitate maintenance by locating landscaper and requesting reimbursement from Nature Trail Fund. Mrs. Martinez has been in touch with the Dave and Sherry Boynton and trail maintenance would be done on August 10, 2020. Mr. Pollock read into record email from Town Administrator Neil Irvine and P. Schlesinger indicating that there would be no involvement from Conservation Commission. After discussion it was determined that the Conservation Commission would not facilitate maintenance or apply any donation to the Nature Fitness Trail.

9. Mrs. Martinez recommended discussing Ground Water Ordinance at January retreat. Commission is in agreement.

10. Letter from NHDOT regarding repair of slope failure along Winona Road and Ames Brook Rd. Letter requests list of priority mitigation efforts in addition to additional questions that were read. Mr. Pollock advised that he has emailed Erin Darrow to discuss potential mitigation with Snake River Project. Commission will continue discussion at 9/14/2020 meeting. Mr. Pollock recommends having Ms. Susan Slack to attend a CC meeting prior to this review. Mrs. Martinez will reach out to Ms. Slack for availability.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Pollock made a motion; seconded by Ms. Peterson to adjourn at 7:45 pm. ***Vote was unanimous.***

Respectfully submitted, Shana M. Martinez