

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

August 5, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Regular Members: R. Leroux, B. Pollock, G. DuBois, S. Martinez, T. Simpson
Absent Members: M. Schofield and K. Peterson

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ms. Erin Darrow- Right Angle Engineering
Mr. Chuck Braxton – Windy Waters
Mr. Don Bergeron – Winona Rd.
Mr. Art von der Linden- Windy Waters
Mr. Mark Billings – Meredith CC
Ms. Karen Karagozian – Center Harbor CC
Member of the public – Center Harbor
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Ms. Janan Hays – New Hampton
Ms. Deb Corr - New Hampton
Mr. Harold Lamos - New Hampton
Mr. Dan Moore - New Hampton

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. DuBois called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Informational Meeting & Public Comment-Snake River Access & Parking Plan Permit: *Meeting with Erin Darrow, Right Angle Engineering.*

Ms. Darrow gave brief overview of the proposed Snake River Parking area and trail access. She presented photographs of gravel pull-off area and pointed out an informal trail. Mr. Braxton inquired about dumping at the property. Mr. DuBois indicated that we have obtained volunteers and have been able to clean area. Ms. Darrow indicated that there is an informal gravel pull-off and that informational meeting is for discussion of permit for parking area. NHDOT has given an ok to submit the permit for review. New area will include parking spaces for 4-5 vehicles, maintain truck pull-out area, and also provide storm water management and treatment. Ms. Darrow proposes taking the current gravel area and pushing slope back approx. 12ft. They will then remove the Japanese knotweed and other invasives located in this area, place new fill, and add a bio-filtration swell that will discharge into rain gardens.

Mr. Billings inquired as to why property is not referred to by individual properties and wondered how long the proposed trail is? Mr. DuBois stated that there is no trail being proposed at this time. He advised that our first step is to discuss and obtain the parking area permit. Mr. DuBois advised that if any trail is placed it would need to be ADA compliant. Mr. Billings gave recommendations on visible parking lot and kiosk.

Ms. Corr brought up concerns about trail access “down to the water” due to Snake River’s connection/filtration to Lake Winona and Lake Waukewan. She does not agree with encouraging water access from properties. She believes with unguarded access that it will provide opportunities for invasive species. Ms. Hays stated her concerns regarding no monitoring of the area. She would like to know where it states a trail is required. How will trail affect the prime wetlands? She recommends viewing and educational purposes should come from Mosquito Bridge.

Ms. Corr read 2017 recommendation letter from Mr. Dan Moore (present), which mentioned that NHDOT is “willing to approve parking area on Northern Road, however since NHCC would not pursue at this time; parking lot permit was not necessary”. Ms. Darrow indicated that unguarded access is a concern, however this is an informational meeting regarding parking area permit. Mr. Moore clarified that NHCC was not looking at continuing development at the time of the letter. NHCC was looking at options for access from different sides of the property. Mr. Lamos inquired about contact with DES regarding water protection or federal funding. Ms. Darrow reiterated the filtration system and possibility of looking into grants. Mr. Braxton inquired about whether NHDOT grants the permission to have the parking area. Ms. Darrow advised that NHDOT can grant parking area permit. Ms. Hays inquired about who would maintain the area. Mr. DuBois stated that the area will be maintained by NHCC. Mr. Bergeron wanted to know if permit was approved would decision of parking area have to come to town vote. It was advised town vote would not be needed. Ms. Darrow advised that there would be some impact to the wetlands; approx. 680sqft. of permanent wetland for fill and 790sqft. of impacts for sediment erosion. Member of the public inquired about whether or not the current easements are being monitored and has dumping been noted. Mr. Billings indicated that it is monitored by the Meredith CC and dumping has been noted. Mr. Simpson advised that there is some dumping, but it is managed. It was asked on what side access would be placed. Mr. DuBois advised that access will be placed on the Waukewan side. No further questions. Public Session was closed.

MINUTES

Mr. Pollock made a motion to accept July 2019 minutes with the following revisions: Ms. Kelsey Peterson is no longer an alternate.
Seconded by Mr. Leroux

Vote was unanimous.
N/A

Correspondence

New Business:
Snake River Access & Parking
Plan: *Meeting with Erin Darrow,
Right Angle Engineering.*

Ms. Darrow recommended submitting the parking area permit. B. Pollock made a motion to submit driveway permit. Seconded by T. Simpson.
Vote was unanimous.

Ms. Darrow indicated that NHDOT will require 3 signs indicating “no parking” in certain areas. She will contact Ms. Barbara Lucas to get driveway permit signed off by Selectboard.

Mr. DuBois gave update on wetlands application. Application is on hold pending notification of property owners (Bergeron and Dumont). Contact also needs to be made with NHDOT regarding Rail line. NHCC will continue to move forward with submitting parking area and driveway permits.

Introduction of Mr. Harry Lamos:
Potential NHCC Member

Mr. DuBois nominated Mr. Lamos as an alternate to the NHCC. He advised that Mr. Rolfe has decided to no longer continue as a member of the NHCC. Mr. Lamos will go before the Selectboard for final decision.

**Review of Financial Report with
Mr. Dan Moore:** *Conservation
Fund*

Mr. Moore gave a brief historic overview of fund. The amount to date totals approx. \$11,000.00. He recommends possibly purchasing additional lots on current conservation areas to create conservation easements. Mr. Moore has offered to assist NHCC with procuring potential grants to obtain conservation easements on certain properties.

**Signage for Kelley Island:
Discussion about camping at
Kelley Drake**

It was discovered that areas in the KDCA and Kelley Island have been used for overnight camping. New signage will be ordered to advise that no camping is permitted on KDCA and Kelley Island. Mr. DuBois printed out potential verbiage for signs. Ms. Martinez will include estimates along with her additional conservation signs at next month’s meeting.

Old Business:

- A. SURVEY OF GLINES
PROPERTY- VOTE ON
EXPENDITURES FOR
SURVEY COSTS.**
- B. MOWING KELLEY-
DRAKE
CONSERVATION AREA
(KDCA) FIELDS;
GARRETT GILPATRIC
WILL MOW IN LATE
SEPTEMBER OR
EARLY OCTOBER FOR
\$600.00. COST SHOULD
BE COVERED BY
NHF&G GRANT &
APPLE TREE FREEING**

- a) Mr. Pollock presented schematic of revised survey dated 7/29/2019. Town will need a release from Mr. Harvey indicating that he accepts the current determination from both surveyors; once release is signed revised survey can be recorded. No invoice has been submitted to date.
- b) NH Fish and Game has approved \$1422.00 (combination of both grants) for apple tree freeing and mowing of 12 acres at KDCA. Once both projects are completed, forms will be signed and sent to Ms. Karen Bordeau at NHF & G for reimbursement. Mr. Leroux will set up time for apple tree freeing and mowing. If there are potential issues (e.g. weather) commission agreed to have cellar hole area mowed if time allows. NHCC also pending additional invoice for previous KDCA mowing.
- c) Ms. Martinez contacted NHACC and spoke with Barbara Richter. She contacted local sign companies and found estimates for 12x12 aluminum signs at approximately \$19.00 for 1-25 signs. She

- C. **SIGNAGE FOR CONSERVATION AREAS**
- D. **KDCA TRI-FOLD MAP & NARRATIVE**
- E. **OLD HOME DAY**

inquired as to whether or not the NHCC would like to continue looking for pressure treated wood signs as many providers indicated that CC's are no longer purchasing wood signs but instead are using either polycarbonate or aluminum. Mr. Lamos indicated that his wife also does signs. Ms. Martinez will follow-up for aluminum signs potentially used for KDCA. Mr. Leroux recommended wood signs for Jeness Springs and Yost properties in addition to other conservation areas. Signs are approx. 3' x 1'. Ms. Martinez will locate and measure signs for estimates. There is a preference for full NHCC title and possible logo on sign. She will bring information to next month's meeting.

- d) Mr. DuBois is currently working on putting together the tri-fold brochure for submission and review. He will present a draft to NHCC when it is available.
- e) Mr. DuBois gave update on Ms. Schlesinger's presentation at New Hampton Old Home Day.

2019 Fall Hunting Season.

Mr. Leroux inquired about opening the gates at KDCA September 1st for hunting season. NHCC will keep gates open for duration of the season. Mr. Leroux will also contact Mr. Le Drew about growth/maintenance around KDCA cellar hole.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Pollock made a motion to adjourn at 9:01 p.m., seconded by Mr. Leroux.

Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted, Shana M. Martinez