

Town of New Hampton Conservation Commission Minutes of 2017 Planning Retreat

New Hampton Town Office
Upstairs Meeting Room, 6 Pinnacle Hill Rd.
January 14, 2017

Commission members present: R. Leroux, G. DuBois, D. Moore (Chair), R. Pollock, P. Schlesinger.

Commission members not present: B. Rolfe.

Invited Guests: Fran Maineri and Mike Izard, Lake Region Planning Commission

Meeting called to order by Chairman Moore at 9:07 a.m.

Chairman Moore provided a summary of activities and accomplishments for 2016 which included:

Monitoring of all conservation easements held by the Commission;

All conservation lands have been surveyed and mapped. Specially markers will be ordered and placed along all boundary lines of the Kelly-Drake, Snake River and Genis Spring Properties.

A timber harvest was conducted on the Kelly-Drake Property and another harvest is schedules this winter.

Cleaning up trash and brushing of small trees and shrubs around the cellar holes on the K-D property took place this fall. More to follow in the spring.

A contact with arborist Clement has been secured and he is scheduled to begin pruning apple trees at K-D property soon.

A contact was developed with the Lakes Region Planning Commission for long range planning of open space including conservation lands.

Open Space Plan: Mike Izard of the Lakes Region Planning Commission reviewed several maps, data and charts of New Hampton as they relate to open space planning and potential for conservation in New Hampton. A lengthy discussion took place regarding the plan with Commission members giving Mike input. The plan will be finalized and presented to town officials.

Kelly-Drake Property: Chairman Moore then led a discussion to create a plan for the Kelly-Drake property. Bob Pollock made a map of the area to be used in the planning process. Fran Maineri, board member from the New Hampton Historical Society questioned the role of the organization in the plan. He will discuss the issue with the board at their next meeting. He did offer to walk the property boundaries and record GPS coordinates.

The following goals were established with Commission members responsible:

Create of new parking area off Kelly Pond Road, at logging access road: Dan M. will follow-up with appropriate agencies, Select Board and individuals.

Lighting for parking area: Pat S.

Kiosk, signs and security cameras for parking area: Pat S.

Markers for property lines: Bob

Development of trail system: Gordon and Fran will walk property and lay out potential trail system. Gordon will contact professional trail builders through the State Conservation Commission Organization, the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests and Lakes Region Conservation Trust.

Snow mobile trail: Dan in discussion with Bruce Harvey

Research history of property and placement of signs at important sites on the property, e.g. cellar holes, cemetery, well, apple orchard, etc. : NH Historical Society and Gordon

Natural history and ecologically significant areas on the property: Dan, Plymouth State University and Rick Van de poll, New Hampton Garden Club.

Clearing of cellar holes and trash clean up: Gordon and Rick, New Hampton School Service Learning Program, Newfound H.S

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon DuBois, Secretary, New Hampton Conservation Commission