

**Town of New Hampton
Conservation Commission
Minutes**

New Hampton Town Office
Upstairs Meeting Room, 6 Pinnacle Hill Rd.
May 9, 2016

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

The Chair opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

1) Minutes: Rolfe moved and Pollock seconded acceptance of the minutes for the 4/11/2016 meeting. Vote was unanimous.

2) Easement monitoring reports:

- a. Dixon Hill: Commissioners reviewed the easement monitoring report prepared by Leroux and Moore. After discussion, Leroux moved and Rolfe seconded that the report be accepted and sent to Bob Hardy, the state forester in charge of the Scribner Fellows State Forest on which Dixon Hill is located, and that a copy also be sent to the New Hampton Select Board for their records. Motioned passed unanimously.
- b. Lester and Edith Youst Conservation Area (LEYCA): Commissioners reviewed the easement monitoring report prepared by DuBois and Moore. After discussion, Schlesinger moved and Rolfe seconded that the report be accepted and forwarded to Barbara Lucas, the New Hampton Town Administrator, and that a copy also be sent to the New Hampton Select Board for their records. Motioned passed unanimously.
- c. After discussion about Conservation Commission (ConCom) archives, it was decided that Moore would inquire as to having a set of digital files on the town's server to serve as an official repository for the ConCom, in order to increase commissioner access to the work of the ConCom and reduce confusion as to where files are stored.

3) Fruit tree pruning at Kelley-Drake Conservation Area (KDCA):

- a. Moore reported that only Clements Nursery & Landscaping responded with a proposal for pruning. The other company that visited the site suggested a range of activities for the area in addition to pruning over the phone, but did not submit a proposal.
- b. After discussion the Schlesinger moved and Leroux seconded that the ConCom accept Clements' proposal and allocate \$2250.00 for those services.

3) Discussion of meeting with Right Angle Engineering:

- a. Dubois and Leroux reported on their walking of the Snake River Conservation Area (SRCA) with Erin Darrow of Right Angle Engineering, stating that the entrancing off of Winona Road offers several opportunities for trails that would lead down to an expansive view of the river.
- b. Darrow suggested that commissioners meet with the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (DOT) for a discussion on placement of a parking area along Winona Road. Following discussion, commissioners agreed that Moore would meet with the New Hampton Select Board members to inform them of desire to talk with DOT.

4) Easement monitoring schedule: After checking schedules, it was decided that Moore would contact property owners, Merrill (Tax Map R-13-5A), Connelly (Tax Map R-7-13) and Gatehouse (Tax Map R-13-5) and offer May 16th, 18th, or 20th as possible dates for monitoring.

5) New Business: None.

6) Old Business: Moore reminded others that the Kelley-Drake Conservation Area (KDCA) tree thinning from this past winter was, due a late start and early thawing, not completed. After a general discussion of the forest stewardship plan, the following actions were taken:

- a. In order to increase public visibility of and interest in the development of the KDCA stewardship plan's focus on conservation and recreation goals, DuBois would craft and submit an article to the various local newspapers touting KDCA history, as well as, our desires to work with the New Hampton Historical Society and others to further those ends.
- b. To provide clarity to all of those working on the property Pollock stressed the need to survey and mark KDCA bounds, and Moore agreed to contact three local surveyors to get a sense of the costs for doing that work.
- c. Lastly, Rolfe suggest that in talking with surveyors that Moore also ask about the costs of marking the bounds for the SRCA and Jenness Spring Conservation Areas. It was agreed that he would.

The commission voted to adjourn at 8:24 pm.

Submitted,
D. Moore, Acting Scribe