# Town of New Hampton Conservation Commission Minutes

## **New Hampton Town Office**

Upstairs Meeting Room, 6 Pinnacle Hill Rd. April 11, 2016

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

The Chair opened the meeting at 7:05 P.M.

1) Minutes: Rolfe moved and Leroux seconded acceptance of the minutes for the 3/14/2016 Vote was unanimous.

#### 2) Next Steps for the KDCA:

- a. Surveying- Moore related that the town has used Brown Engineering and Surveying, a local surveying group, to do this type of work in the past. After discussion of the need to survey and mark the bounds of it was decided that Moore would contact Brown to inquire about the scope of the project and their availability.
- b. Fruit tree pruning- Moore and Leroux reported on the walk and conversation they had with Arlyn Clement of Clements Nursery & Landscaping, and that Clement was preparing an estimate for an orchard pruning of the fruit trees that would increase fruit production and for piling the brush so that it could be easily removed.
- c. Recreation and historical preservation: DuBois reported on a walk of the KDCA with Peter Gulick of the Historical Society, and the Society's desire to cooperate with developing the site for educational purposes.

### 3) Discussion of Snake River Conservation Area (SRCA):

- a. Because of the Waukewan Road sighting and fill requirements, and the possibility of bridge construction, the commission discussed developing a trail with access from Winona Road. It was decided that Moore would contact Erin Darrow of Right Angle Engineering for her assistance in devising a possible trail plan from Winona Road.
- b. DuBois mentioned that he had walk the area recently and that there was a noticeable amount of trash on the section closest to the parking area off of Winona Road. After discussion, it was decided that Dubois would contact The New Hampton School (NHS) to see if cleaning this area could be use by NHS for a student service learning project.
- 4) Easement monitoring schedule: It was decided to meet at 9:00am on Monday April 18, 2016 on Riverwood Road at the Lester and Edith Youst Conservation Area to conduct our required conservation easement monitoring.
- 5) New Business: DuBois reported on his attendance of the recent Saving Special Places 2016, New Hampshire's Annual Land Conservation Conference, stating that there were several good session and passed out some material he had gathered.

#### 6) Old Business:

- a. Leroux reported that New Hampshire's Fish & Game Commission's proposed Bobcat hunting and trapping season, for which the commission had written a letter in opposition to, was being put on hold due to conflict with the federal rules surrounding the endangerment of the Lynx.
- b. Pollock reported that the Lake Region Planning Commission (LRPC) may be able to assist in writing the open space section of the New Hampton Master Plan. Because of the impact of this professional assistance in maintaining and enhancing conservation of New Hampton's natural resources through the master plan, the members were in agreement to looking at the possibility of underwriting a portion of LRPC's costs.

The commission voted to adjourn at 8:10pm.

Submitted, D. Moore, Acting Scribe