

**Town of New Hampton
Conservation Commission
Minutes**

New Hampton Town Office
Upstairs Meeting Room, 6 Pinnacle Hill Rd.
July 11, 2016

Commission members present: R. Leroux, G. DuBois, D. Moore (Chair), R. Pollock, B. Rolfe.
Commission members excused: P. Schlesinger
Guest present: Shawn Lagueux, Town Forester

The Chair opened the meeting at 7:03 P.M.

1) Minutes: Rolfe moved and DuBois seconded acceptance of the minutes for the 6/13/2016 meeting.
Vote was unanimous.

2) Swain easement monitoring review: After discussing the draft report of the recent walk of the property by Leroux and Moore, Pollock moved and Rolfe seconded that the report be accepted as written with copies sent to the property owner and selectmen.

3) Discussion concerning the stewardship plan for the Kelley-Drake:

- a. Lagueux review the work done last winter in the weathered shortened and rushed cutting season. This year Lagueux proposed finishing cutting the portion of Section 6 marked last December, along with some additional clearing in Sections 1,2,3,6, and 7. These addition cuts would just about finish the work proposed in the 2004 Stewardship Plan.
- b. Lagueux fielded questions from the commissioners about doing some vegetation control around the cellar holds of the old farm, the fruit trees and the cemetery. Lagueux suggested that the logging contract could contain tree removal for the area around the cemetery. However, he recommended that the commissioners seek a specialist in vegetation control for the other areas, and that he could provide a list of contractors.
- c. Lastly, Lagueux recommended that, if the work proposed is completed, then commissioners should consider updating or developing a completely new stewardship.

It was agreed that Lagueux would prepare a detailed proposal for the cutting to review, with the desire to get out the proposal by late August or early September.

4) Review of professional credentials and experience for surveying and marking properties: the three surveyors submitting material were decide to have met the desired requirements and it was agreed that Pollock would draft a request for proposal that would ask the surveyors to prepare detailed costs for total project. Moore would see that all of the surveyors would be contacted.

5) Annual Election of Commission Officers: After discussion, a slate of officers to serve for the next year, with Moore as Chair, Pollock as Vice Chair, and DuBois as Secretary, was put forward and accepted by acclamation.

The commission voted to adjourn at 8:12 pm.

Submitted,
D. Moore, Acting Scribe