

Town of New Hampton Conservation Commission

New Hampton Town Office

Upstairs Meeting Room, 6 Pinnacle Hill Rd.

December 11, 2017

Minutes

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

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm

Minutes from November 13, 2017 were reviewed and approved with the following correction on Line 11: Chairman Moore informed Commission members he will not be seeking a new term past April, 2018.

New Business

Easement monitoring: Chairman Moore reviewed the Easement Monitoring Report for the CRB Realty Trust (Lester & Edith Youst Conservation Area). The Monitoring Report will be forwarded to the New Hampton Select Board. Moore also explained that he had an inquiry from an abutter regarding the construction of power poles on the property. The easement clearly indicated that any construction on the property is forbidden.

Kelly Drake: DuBois reported on the progress to date at the Kelly Drake Property. Members of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints worked brushing around the cellar hole and trail building on Saturday, 12/11/17. Work on the trails, clearing brush and rubbish near and in the cellar holes has been completed. The gate has been closed and locked. Work by volunteers will continue on the project with GPS mapping of the trails and making trail signs. In the spring work will resume: marking trails, erecting signage, installing benches and bridges. DuBois will invite Mike Maines to the February meeting to discuss his proposal for brush hogging and mowing the area from cellar holes and stone wall to road and keeping it maintained for the summer months.

Snake River Conservation Area: Chairmen Moore reported that Erin from Right Angle Engineering with work with Colin Brown to refine the survey map of the Snake River to include elevation and grades. A Warrant Article for Wetland Designation will be reviewed by the Select Board.

Glines Property: Pollock had discussion with Kent Brown of Brown Engineering with regard to questions of boundaries due to old deed not available. Commission members eyed most recent survey map of the property

Old Business

Trust Fund: Chairman Moore recapped his discussions regarding the creation of a trust fund to provide funds strictly for the maintenance of town owned properties managed by the Conservation Commission. Properties include Snake River, Kelly Drake, Gline's Forest and Jennis Spring. Question was raised

whether the Youst property should be included. Chairman Moore will draft the Warrant Article and send it to Pollock for his review. The article is due to the Select Board by January 9, 2018.

Annual Planning Retreat, Jan. 13, 9-1:00: This event provides a forum for goals in the coming year. Chairman Moore will send out an agenda for the event. Pollock mentioned that we need to integrate our planning and activities for the coming year with the Town Master Plan and Open Space Plan. LeRoux brought up several corrections that need to be made on the Open Space Plan. Chairman Moore also indicated that a new forest management plan needs to be written for not only Kelly Drake, but other town owned properties within the Commission's purview.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:22 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Gordon DuBois, Secretary

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