

TOWN OF NEW HAMPTON
Conservation Commission
MEETING MINUTES
NEW HAMPTON TOWN OFFICE
NEW HAMPTON, NH 03256

October 14, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Regular Members: Mr. R. Leroux, Mr. B. Pollock, Mr. G. DuBois, Mr. B. Rolfe, Mr. M. Schofield, Mr. N. Brown.
Absent Members: Mrs. S. Martinez, Ms. K. Peterson, and Mr. T. Simpson

OTHERS PRESENT:

None

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. DuBois called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

MINUTES

B. Rolfe made a motion to accept minutes, seconded by M. Schofield with the following amendments:

- 8-8-2019 will be changed to 8-12-2019
- \$300.00 payment for LRPC/PRLAC invoice was not approved under section f. Approval of payment is pending further information.
- Knotweed is located at the KDCA Parking lot, not the KDCA.

Vote was unanimous.

New Business:

Mr. DuBois introduced new CC member Mr. Nick Brown.

1. Barry Draper- 2020 Request from LRPC- Pemigewasset River Local Advisory (PRLAC) Committee for \$300.00

1.) Mr. Barry Draper, member of PRLAC introduced himself. He presented information on water testing and their work on the Northern Pass.

2. Snake River Wetlands Permit Application and Invoice from Right Angle.

Mr. Max Stamp, Mr. Bill Bolton, & Mr. Russ Bremmer, additional PRLAC members were introduced.

3. Budget for FY 2020

Mr. DuBois asked for information regarding the work that PRLAC does within the area.

4. Garrett Gilpatric- Mowing KDCA fields.

Mr. Bolton advised that the Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) will be assisting Plymouth and New Hampton with a grant application process for a groundwater protection ordinance and mapping.

Mr. Draper mentioned future work regarding research on stormwater run-off. Mr. Stamp discussed PRLAC involvement of Northern Pass and presented a series of pictures. He discussed bank stabilization and programs that they would like to work on next year. Mr. Pollock mentioned the culverts that lead into the Pemigewasset River and

recommended PRLAC do a culvert evaluation. Mr. Draper said that PRLAC does water testing along the Pemigewasset. Mr. Stamp advised that there are nine areas that are tested eight to ten times throughout the summer. Lab samples are also sent out throughout the year to DES. Mr. Bolton advised PRLAC involvement with permits in relation to work done within a quarter mile of the river and their recommendations on permits. Mr. DuBois inquired about potential issues other than erosion that impact the river. Mr. Bolton states that they would like to address issues of water quality, conditions of dams, etc. Mr. Stamp states that they also follow-up on site visits for shoreland permits. Mr. Leroux inquired about whether PRLAC was a separate entity or if they are a part of LRPC. Mr. Bolton said that they are separate, but majority of money goes to LRPC for administrative purposes. Mr. Leroux asked about how PRLAC differs from the NH River Program. Mr. Bolton advised no overlap as they only monitor the Pemigewasset. Mr. Leroux inquired about their minutes kept and availability of minutes to respective members. Mr. Bolton said that they are available on-line and forwarded to each town. Meetings are opened to the public as well.

2.) Mr. DuBois states that Ms. Darrow has completed her part in the Snake River driveway application process. Application for driveway permit has been submitted to NHDOT, along with dredge and fill permit. Right Angle has submitted an invoice in the amount of \$4,250.00.

Mr. Pollock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rolfe to pay invoice in the full amount of \$4,250.00 to Right Angle Engineering.

Vote was unanimous.

Mr. DuBois will email Ms. Darrow for next steps.

3.) Mr. DuBois presented Budget for FY 2019, increase in 2020 budget reflects new secretarial position.

Mr. DuBois presented two invoices. 1.) PRLAC annual request in the amount of \$300.00 and 2.) NHACC subscription in the amount of \$275.00.

Mr. Rolfe made a motion, seconded by Mr. Leroux to pay subscription invoice to NHACC in the amount of \$275.00

Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Leroux made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schofield to pay annual invoice to PRLAC in the amount of \$300.00

Vote was unanimous.

4.) Mr. DuBois mentioned that mowing was set to be done at the KDCA in the beginning of September and inquired if area has been

cleared. Mr. Schofield will follow-up to verify when mowing of KDCA will be complete.

Old Business:

- a) Signage for conservation area- Deferred to November meeting
 - b) 3-fold flyer- map & narrative printed.
 - c) Conservation Easements for Bald Ledge (Tax Map R-8 Lots #18, 1R, 1S, 1V & 1) and Jackson Pond (Tax Map#R18 lot 14)
 - d) NHS-Service day project at Kelley-Drake
 - e) NHACC- Annual Meeting
- a) Signage- deferred until November 11, 2019 meeting.
- b) Mr. DuBois presented rough drafts and corrections for KDCA brochures. Brochures will be delivered upon completion and distributed to the conservation areas.
- c) In a follow-up to last month's discussion of conservation easements of town properties surrounding Bald Ledge. Mr. DuBois met with town administrator Mrs. Barbara Lucas and was advised that previous town vote has already established that there would be no development within the listed lots. Regarding Jackson Pond, it was recommended to speak directly with Selectman. Mr. DuBois has scheduled meeting on 11/7/2019 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss potential easements.
- d) Mr. DuBois gave an update of work completed and areas cleared on Service Day with New Hampton School.
- e) NHACC Annual Meeting is set for 11/2/2019.

Announcements/Other Business:

Mr. Leroux stated that another phase of the apple tree release program was completed on Aug 9 & 10, 2019 by Addington Equipment incorporated. Cutting out all the understory with the aid of an excavator, area will need to be maintained in future years to prevent take over of plants and shrubs that will inhibit the production of apple tree crops essential to the wildlife in that area.

Mr. DuBois recommended to apply for a grant in July 2020 for the next fiscal year to extend brush hogging/mowing to other areas of KDCA along with continued clearing around apple trees.

Public Comment:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Leroux made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Rolfe at 8:43 p.m.

Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted, Shana M. Martinez