

**Town of New Hampton**  
**Conservation Commission Minutes**  
**October 8, 2018**

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

Members present: T. Simpson, Chair, R. Pollock, G. DuBois, R. Leroux, G. DuBois, P. Schlesinger, M. Schofield, B. Rolfe.  
Excused: K. Peterson  
Guests: Lynn and Russ Hart

Meeting called to order by Tyler Simpson at 7:01 PM

Minutes of the 9/10 and 9/10 meeting were reviewed and discussed. Motion was made by Leroux, seconded by Schlesinger to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

**New Business:**

- KDCA Parking-Chairman Simpson led discussion with Lynn and Russ Hart regarding their concerns with the relocation of the parking for KDCA adjacent to their property. The Harts expressed a concern with the scope of the project, feeling that there would not be enough space to accommodate the number of vehicles using the lot. Mrs. Hart stated she expects the KDCA to have a surge in use as it becomes better known, potentially impinging on their property and blocking access. Discussion followed with regard to space for plow and bus turn around clearance. It was suggested that a barrier be placed with signage to clearly mark property boundary to insure vehicles would not be parking on the Hart's property. Chairman Simpson stated, the Town of New Hampton will work closely with the Mr. and Mrs. Hart to rectify the issue.

Mr. Hart also asked why the parking lot is not being relocated to the log landing further down the road as he was led to believe from a conversation with Commissioner DuBois. Chairman Simpson said this plan was placed on hold and may be reconsidered at a future time. He stated, "We are considering every option for the future use of the property."

- Snake River Parking-Chairman Simpson stated that Erin Darrow of Right Angle Engineering could not attend this meeting to discuss the plan to develop a parking lot off Winona Road. No permit has been issued by NHDOT, but plans need to be finalized and presented to NHDOT for approval. A motion was made by Rolfe and seconded by Pollock for Chairman Simpson and Leroux meet with Ms. Darrow to discuss particulars. Location, date and time TBD.
- Glines Property - survey to rectify and correct boundary discrepancies still needs to be resolved. Nothing new to report.
- KDCA gate- Chairman Simpson and Leroux recommended that gate be open for hunting during hunting season to provide access to boat launch and woods and fields.

Considerable discussion ensued, with DuBois and Schlesinger opposing the measure on the basis that access to the property to vehicles could lead to dumping garbage and damage to kiosk and signage, as has occurred often in the past. Schlesinger also stated concerns for walkers on the property who may be in danger from hunters. She volunteered to contact the NHACC for advice on this issue. A motion was made to open the gate from September 1 to December 1, with the caveat that if there was damage or reckless behavior on the property the gate will be closed. A motion was made by Chair Simpson, seconded by Leroux to open gate for hunting. A vote was taken with Pollock abstaining: 2 votes yea and 2 votes, nay. Motion did not pass. The proposal was tabled.

- Apple tree freeing project on KDCA-Leroux reported that he contacted Addington Equipment, Inc. of Chichester, NH, to clear area on both sides of access road of brush surrounding the apple orchard. A proposal was submitted to Leroux for \$2,000 for two days work. Leroux led a discussion of the work needed to free the apple trees and make them productive for wildlife. Motion was made by Schofield, seconded by Rolfe to approve \$2,000 for the project. Motion passed unanimously. Leroux will follow up with Addington Equipment.
- Conservation Easement Monitoring Schedule:
  - Dixon Hill - Leroux
  - Merrill/Swain - Leroux
  - Jenness Spring - DuBois
  - CRV Realty/Youst - DuBois
  - Schofield volunteered to work with DuBois, and Simpson will work with Leroux to learn process.

### **Other Business**

- DuBois stated that after mulling over the gate opening issue for hunters to access the KDCA via vehicle, he would like to ask for another vote on the motion. DuBois clearly stated his concerns, but would like to accommodate hunter's access to the property. DuBois still questioned why hunters can't walk into the property from the gate, as hunters often walk miles when hunting or stalking game. A motion was made was made by Leroux, seconded by Simpson to open the gate from Sept.1-Dec. 1 with the understanding that if damage is done to property the gate will be closed. The motion was passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32

Respectfully submitted,  
Gordon DuBois, Secretary