

Town of New Hampton Conservation Commission

New Hampton Town Office

Upstairs Meeting Room, 6 Pinnacle Hill Rd.

October 9, 2017

Minutes

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

Meeting called to order at 6:56 pm

Minutes from Sept. 11. 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved with the following correction:
The Merrill property easement monitoring report will be completed by Mr. Leroux.

New Business:

1. A teleconference was held with Lew Shelly, Snowhawk, LLC, regarding the Trail Assessment and Design Report for the Kelly-Drake Property. The trail plan was explained by Mr. Shelly. Mr. DuBois added comments and Commission members discussed the location of the trail. All Commissioners approved of the plan and a motion was made by Mr. Leroux to release funds for payment of \$800 to Mr. Shelly for his work. Motion seconded by Mr. Rolfe. Commission voted to approve payment.
2. Discussion followed regarding starting work on the trail, trail head parking, signage, using volunteers for trail work, mapping trail and “reasonable access”. Work can begin immediately on brushing trail along flagged route and cutting fallen trees across trail. Mr. DuBois stated he has volunteers lined up to begin work, including Boy Scouts from Troop 56 and students from New Hampton School.
3. Brush piles around the cellar holes are still stacked high waiting to be burned or taken away. Chairman Moore will speak with Town Supervisor about the New Hampton Public Works Dept. removing the piles of brush. They have already removed about 18 old tires and other refuse that was collected during an earlier cleanup of the property.
4. Mr. Leroux asked if the Kelly Drake meadow will be cut this fall. Chairman Moore will discuss this with the Town Supervisor. It has been cut every two years and made possible by a grant from NH Fish & Game.
5. Chairman Moore led a discussion dealing with the concept of separating administrative and maintenance funds to support the mission of the Commission. Chairman Moore reviewed his understanding of the R.S.A. An extended discussion followed and a letter was read from the Director of the NHACC which states that Conservation funds can be

used for upkeep and maintenance of conservation lands. Chairmen Moore will discuss with the Town Supervisor.

6. The Open Space Plan was discussed and it's review by the New Hampton Planning Board. Chairman Moore will also discuss this issue with the Town Supervisor.
7. Mr. Leroux questioned the status of the Glines property survey. Mr. Pollock stated it has been surveyed by Brown, but not clear if boundaries have been marked. Mr. Pollock will follow up with surveyor.
8. The parking area on Winona Rd for the Snake River property has been approved by NH DOT. The next step will be to design the parking lot based on NHDOT ruling. Chairman Moore will contact Right Angle Engineering regarding the design and the availability of funds to support the design work.
9. NHACC Annual Meeting Nov 4th - Moore, Leroux and DuBois plan to attend

Old Business:

1. Mr. DuBois presented two proposals from Mike Maines of Maines Landscaping for landscape work around and near the K-D property cellar holes: Proposal #1, "Brush hog around foundations, along stone wall to and along the road...purpose to mow down summer growth". \$420.00. Commission approved this proposal not to exceed \$500.00. Mr. DuBois will contact Mr. Maines of approval. However, this work cannot begin until several brush piles are removed from the area. Proposal #2, Mow and trim around foundations once to twice per month depending on growth - 4 hrs. @ \$50.00/hr.-\$200. It was unclear whether this quote was for an entire summer or each mowing. Mr. DuBois will follow up with Mr. Maines.
2. Funds approved for 4th grade Community School trip to K-D Property were well appropriated. Students participating in the excursion wrote of their experiences exploring the wetland and learning about wetland ecology. They also wrote about their feet getting mucked and sucked into the mud. The Commission thanks Mr. Dave Erler for taking the students on this scientific journey to K-D Property.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10

Next meeting will be November 13th

Respectfully submitted,
Gordon DuBois, Secretary