

**Town of New Hampton  
Conservation Commission  
Minutes**

**New Hampton Town Office**  
Upstairs Meeting Room, 6 Pinnacle Hill Rd.  
November 9, 2015

Commission members present: R. Leroux, G. DuBois, D. Moore (Chair), R. Pollack, B. Rolfe, P. Schlesinger

The Chair opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

1. Minutes the October 12, 2015 meeting were moved by P. Schlesinger, seconded by B. Rolfe to be accepted as written. Vote was unanimous.
2. Report on New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commission's annual meeting and conference held on Saturday November 7, 2015 at the Pembroke Academy: Members related their experiences with attending session topics that dealt with mapping, easements, solar panels, communication, managing community forests, and engaging young people with conservation & environmental issues. All agreed that the sessions were informative and provided resource material that will be useful in addressing a number of items currently being worked on by the commission.
3. Walk of the Jenness Spring Conservation Area (JSCA) on Wednesday October 21, 2015: JSCA is a 6.3 acre lot along Carter Mountain Road gifted to the town by Alfred R. Jenness in 1986. The Conservation Commission was tasked with administering the gifted property. The deed to this property stipulates that Jenness reserves the right to supply water from this gifted property to his property known as the 'Drew Field' through a pipe of less than 1" in diameter. Also, Jenness reserved the right, if need be, to cross the gifted property in order to haul lumber from his adjacent property. After a discussion of the property the following recommendations were agreed upon:
  - i. The Town should survey the property to establish accurate lot dimensions and acreage;
  - ii. Once boundaries are established work should commence on cleaning up around the spring, eliminating Knotweed on the property, and maintaining public access to the property as a natural area and source of spring water.

Schlesinger motioned and Pollack seconded that the Jenness Spring, as well as, the Glines Forest, and Kelley-Drake Conservation Area (KDCA), be surveyed and boundaries marked in order to accurately reflect properties under commission's management responsibility as a first step in developing in-depth management plans on for these properties. Vote was unanimous. Moore will investigate the requirements for contracting these services, and check with the select board about surveying the town properties at Jackson Pond and Bald Ledge

currently in need of clear boundaries and to ascertain the interest of putting these under conservation easements.

4. To follow up on the commission's desire to free apple trees and do some work on the current stewardship management plan on the KDCA there was consensus that a meeting be held with Shaun Lagueux, the Town Forester, for Monday November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Moore will contact Lagueux and notify Pam Vose, Town's Administrative Assistant, to post the special meeting notices.
5. New Business:
  - i. Moore reported that Eversource had delivered a copy of their proposal on flashdrive to the commission and it details the wetland permitting requests along the whole route. Because their plans indicate a desire to hang overhead cables on current easements here in New Hampton there were no specific request of the ConCom. Discussion focused on the desire of the commissioners to have cables buried here in New Hampton, as a result of the work the commission has done with saving the river, the forests, and desire to protect our scenic rural landscapes.
  - ii. Moore reported on a joint meeting of the New Hampton and Center Harbor select boards to hear a proposal from NH DOT about replacing the bridge on Waukenwan Rd. across the Snake River. The general tone from the citizens attending the meeting was to repair the current bridge, and not to alter the shoreline of the river in order to build a wider bridge. A number of citizen groups and the Center Harbor Conservation Commission had provide documented position papers suggesting that the proposed larger bridge was not desirable because of the environmental and cultural disruptions in constructing a new bridge. After discussion it was decided that the commission would await NH DOT's revised proposal. We were in general agreement with the other citizen groups on this matter, and would seek to deliver our feedback at the second round, as whatever NH DOT does it will have an impact on the Snake River Conservation Area (SRCA) and we should make our suggestions relative to revised plan for the bridge.
6. Old Business:
  - i. Moore reported that the Meredith Conservation Commission monitoring report for the SRCA mention that in order to be in complete compliance we need to paint our boundary markers.
  - ii. Moore reported and showed pictures of the brush clearing done on Bald Ledge and thanked Jim Viar for his leadership and guidance in organizing the project.

The commission voted to adjourn at 8:42 pm

Submitted by

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Acting Scribe

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