

Town of New Hampton
Conservation Commission Minutes
December 10, 2018
New Hampton Town Office
Upstairs Meeting Room, 6 Pinnacle Hill Rd.

Members present: T. Simpson, Chair, R. Pollock, G. DuBois, R. Leroux, K. Peterson

Excused: P. Schlesinger

Absent: M. Schofield,

Absent: B. Rolfe (wintering in Florida)

Meeting called to order by Tyler Simpson at 7:05 pm

Minutes of the 11/10 meeting were reviewed with no corrections noted. Motion to approve minutes made by Leroux, seconded by Pollock. Minutes approved unanimously by commission members

New Business

- The Commission discussed signage for conservation properties. Leroux will contact Fish and game regarding “No Dumping” and “Multiuse” signs. He will request approval of the Select Board to place signs on appropriate areas. DuBois discussed placement of hiking/recreational use signs for Kelley Drake property on Rt. 104 and the corner of Sinclair Hill Road and Kelley Pond Road. Signs can be ordered from NH D.O.T. DuBois will send request to Select Board for approval.
- Pollock presented a proposal from Central Land Surveying (Colin Brown) to survey and mark boundaries for conservation property located on Tax Map U17, lots 1 & 38. Total cost of the survey for both lots not to exceed \$350. DuBois motioned that the proposal be accepted, seconded by Leroux and approved unanimously. Pollock will contact Brown to schedule the survey.
- The Commission discussed having an annual retreat as has been done in the past. The purpose of the retreat is to look at activities & achievements over the past year and establish goals for the coming year, 2019. The retreat will be held Sat. Jan. 26th @ 8:00 am. Simpson will bring coffee, other members are asked to bring breakfast snacks. There will be no regular meeting of the Commission for January.
- Commissioners discussed the value of meeting with the Select Board periodically to update the Board on activities and accomplishments. The Commission agreed to have a representative(s) from the Commission meet with the Select Board after the Annual Retreat in January.
- DuBois told the Commissioners that Ken McGray of the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) would like to add Kelley-Drake Conservation Area trails to the new Southern NH Trails Guide. In addition he suggested that a map of the trails be posted on the New Hampton Conservation Commission’s site on the Town’s web site. A motion was made by Pollock and seconded by Leroux to allow McGray to add the K-D trails to the AMC Trail Guide and to have DuBois and Peterson work together to create a trail map. Commission voted unanimously to approve the motion.

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Old Business

- DuBois followed up with discussion at previous meeting regarding maintenance/brushing of Sky Pond/Bald Ledge Trail though Sky Pond State Forest. DuBois received an email from Robert Hardy, Forester III, informing the Commission that a Special Use Permit (SUP) needs to be issued to the Commission for the maintenance of the trail. Bob Spoerl will contact DuBois regarding the SUP and he will forward on to Chairman Simpson. The SUP has to be renewed every three years.
- Chairman Simpson reported that the acreage discrepancy/conflict on the Glines property is still not resolved and is an ongoing issue. Pollock provided an historical account of the reasons for the conflict in total acreage of the property.

The was no public comment

Motion made by Peterson for adjournment, seconded by DuBois, motion passed unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon DuBois
Secretary