

**Town of New Hampton  
Conservation Commission  
Minutes**

**New Hampton Town Office**  
Upstairs Meeting Room, 6 Pinnacle Hill Rd.  
February 13, 2017

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

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

1) Minutes:

R. Leroux moved and R. Pollock seconded accept the minutes for the 12/12/2016  
Vote was unanimous.

2) Reviewing notes from our January 14, 2017 retreat the following goals were established with  
Commission members responsible for developing the Kelly-Drake Conservation Area:

- Create of new parking area off Kelly Pond Road, at logging access road: Moore will follow-up with appropriate agencies, Select Board and individuals.
- Lighting for parking area: Schlesinger
- Kiosk, signs and security cameras for parking area: Schlesinger
- Markers for property lines: Pollock
- Development of trail system: DuBois will contact professional trail builders through the State Conservation Commission Organization, the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests and Lakes Region Conservation Trust and be responsible for leading the laying out of hiking trails.
- Snowmobile trail: Moore will continue to work with Bruce Harvey of Mohawk Trail Riders Snowmobile Club
- Research history of property and placement of signs at important sites on the property, e.g. cellar holes, cemetery, well, apple orchard, etc.: DuBois with assistance from New Hampton Historical Society.
- Natural history and ecologically significant areas on the property: Moore, will contact various possible partners in compiling this info (such as, Plymouth State University, Rick Van de poll, New Hampton Garden Club, et al.)
- Clearing of cellar holes and trash clean up: DuBois and Leroux will seek assistance from New Hampton School Service Learning Program and Newfound H.S.

3) Updates on retreat goals (due to the recent weather and the depth of snow at KDAC, there has been limited activity):

- A. Moore reported that the snowmobile club has talked with Shaun Lagueux, Town Forester, and received permission from the selectmen to provide for access to mark, sign and

maintain their trail on KDCA. Moore agreed to arrange a meeting with Lagueux to discuss using the timber harvest landing site as a parking area.

- B. Pollock reported he has finished a design of a logo for a sign that could be used to mark our property boundaries, and that he was working on a second sign that would be use to inform persons on town property to respect rights of abutters.
- C. Leroux reported on a conversation that he had with Fire Chief Drake about burning brush cleared from the area around the cellar holes. Chief Drake suggested that early spring, before nesting begins, to the best time to burn brush, Chief Drake added that the Fire Department would be interested in and available for a controlled burn of the fields in the late summer, after seasonal nesting is over, and that the commission might alternatively consider chipping brush to create wildlife habitat.

4) Discussion concerning the commission's meeting Plymouth State University's Center For the Environment (CFE) on January 17, 2017 centered on the general agreement that there is synergy in the desire of the commission to steward KDCA for conservation, educational, and recreational uses to the town of New Hampton and CFE's need to provide meaningful applied learning for undergraduate and graduate students. It was agreed that Moore would continue to work with Joe Boyer, CFE Director, in coordinating faculty and student projects.

5) Easement Review and Scheduling: It was agreed that during the April meeting a timetable for the annual monitoring of those easements will be finalized. Moore reported that he discussed the Vezina Conservation Easement situation with the selectmen, and because the town never formally accepted the easement or assigned the commission with responsibility for monitoring the easement that the commission should proceed with the assistance of the town's attorney in clarify that the commission is not responsible for easement monitoring. Leroux mentioned that a sum of up to \$1000.00 be made available for legal costs to clear the commission from any conservation easement monitoring responsibility. Second by Pollock. Passed unanimously.

6) Old Business:

- Pollack reported that Mike IZard of the Lakes Region Planning Commission had request copies of conservation easements held by the town. Moore agreed to send copies to IZard.
- Leroux suggested that to provide for multi-use on KDCA the commission look at protecting some land solely for wildlife by developing trails on areas surrounding the cellar holes, while allowing the wetlands and northwestern section of KDCA be left without developed trails.

Submitted,  
D. Moore, Acting Scribe