

Town of New Hampton
Conservation Commission Minutes
March 12, 2018
New Hampton Town Office
Upstairs Meeting Room, 6 Pinnacle Hill Rd.

Members present: R. Leroux, D. Moore (Chair), R. Pollock, T. Simpson.
Members excused: G. DuBois, P. Schlesinger.

1. **Minutes-** Leroux moved and Simpson seconded that the minutes for the February 12, 2018 meeting be approved. Vote to approve was unanimous.
2. Discussion of stewardship plans for Kelley-Drake Conservation Area (KDCA) and Glines Memorial Forest (GMF):
 - A. Moore reported, if the costs for a stewardship plan were under \$10,000, then the commission would not have to proceed with a formal Request For Proposal (RFP) process, and that the Town Administrator, Barbara Lucas, suggested that, in leu of a RFP, the commission could ask several foresters to review the desire management goals of the properties and offer an estimate for consideration to complete a plan.
 - B. Following discussion of the KDCA, it was decided that the access road, that begins at gated entrance off of Kelley Pond Road and terminates at the lake, should serve to delineate focused activities and direct the plans for developing resources on the property. The wooded area north of that access road reaching to Route #104 ought to be managed with a single concentrated focus on providing for a variety of robust wildlife habitats, while the area south of that road, the fields, cellar holes, cemetery, hiking trails, scenic overlooks and including Kelley Island, be managed with combination of recreation, education, and wildlife habitation goals.
 - C. It was agreed that the commission would follow the covenants and conservation restrictions list on the GMF deed that focus on maintaining wildlife habitat, allowing the production and harvesting based upon best practices, while ensuring the protection of the Village Precinct water supply.
 - D. Moore volunteered to contact several foresters with the above particulars for each property and solicit considerations and estimates for these two stewardship plans.
3. Discussion followed as to recruiting new commission members. Several names were mentioned and Simpson agreed to inquire with the Pemigewasset Rod and Gun Club for list of club members that live in New Hampton that might be willing to serve on the commission.
4. Old Business-
 - A. Moore reminded commissioners that this was his last meeting, as his appointment ends on March 31, 2018.

- B. Following discussion it was decided that Moore would ask DuBois if he would serve as convener, that is preparing the agendas and running the meetings for the April and May meetings and conduct the election of at the June meeting.
- C. Pollock reported that the Lakes Regional Planning Commission could not find the Excel spreadsheet use as an exhibit in the New Hampton Open Space Plan. Moore said that he would investigate further, to see if we have a copy in our files.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

Submitted,
Daniel Moore, Acting Scribe

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