

Town of New Hampton Conservation Commission

New Hampton Town Office

Upstairs Meeting Room, 6 Pinnacle Hill Rd.

September 11, 2017

Minutes

Commission members present: D. Moore, Chairman, R. Leroux, G. DuBois, R. Pollock,

Absent: P. Schlesinger, B. Rolfe, T. Simpson

Invited guests: Eli Lopez and Tom Lopez from Boy Scout Troop 56, Plymouth, NH

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm

Minutes of the 7/10/17 meeting were approved with one correction, Tyler Simpson was present for the meeting.

New Business:

Eli Lopez and his father Tom attended the meeting to present their plan to work on the trail system at the Kelly Drake Property and get suggestions from Commission members. Eli explained that he and other scouts of Troop 56 will help to clear the area of brush around the cellar holes, build trails and construct benches. Eli is heading up this project as part of his Eagle Scout Award. Tom Lopez added that he sees this as an ongoing project for the scout troop and they would like to use the property for scouting events (hiking, camping, nature study). Bob Pollock added advice on bench design. Scouts will begin working on the trail system after the Commission meets with Lew Shelly, of Snowhawk LLC on October 9th to review his proposed trail layout. Once the design is reviewed and approved by the Commission work can formally begin on building the trails.

The Commission reviewed the Easement Monitoring Form. Motion was made by Leroux to approve the form, seconded by Pollock and approved unanimously by Commission members.

The Commission scheduled easement monitoring for this year. Members will report at the November meeting on their findings. Commission members will visit the following properties:

1. Gordon-Palmer Easement, Dixon Hill
2. Dan-C.R.B. Realty Trust Easement, Riverwood
3. Rick-Swain Easement, Old Bristol Rd.

Review and discussion of Annual Budget Request: Commission members discussed at length budget proposal for 1918. Discussion revolved around capital and maintenance expenditures. Capital expenditures (e.g. conservation land purchase, construction of trails and parking lot can come from the conservation commission fund, but maintenance must come from town funds. Commission decided to put together a maintenance budget. Gordon agreed to procure a bid from a property management company or individual to maintain the area around the cellar holes, orchard, etc. Draft of the budget must be forwarded to Select Board by Sept. 28th.

Subsequently Chairman Moore had a conversation with Barbara Lucas, Town Administrator, regarding this issue. His email was forwarded to Commission members and can be discussed at the November meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:36 pm

Next meeting is scheduled for October 9th, Columbus Day Holiday, 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Gordon DuBois, Secretary

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