

**TOWN OF NEW HAMPTON**  
**Conservation Commission**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
New Hampton Fire Dept., 26 Intervale Dr.  
**Training Room/Zoom Meeting ID: 85627499298**  
NEW HAMPTON, NH 03256

September 14, 2020

**Members Present:**

Regular Members: Mr. B. Pollock, Mrs. S. Martinez, Ms. Peterson  
Alternate Members: Mrs. D. Pendergast  
Absent Members: Mr. M. Schofield, Mr. B. Rolfe

**Other Present:**

Mrs. & Mrs. Bill Strong, Mr. Bruce Harvey

**Call to order:**

Mrs. Martinez called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Mrs. Martinez appointed Mrs. Pendergast to vote in place of Mr. Schofield.

**Minutes**

Mr. Pollock made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peterson to accept the minutes of 8/10/2020 as submitted. *Vote was unanimous.*

**Correspondence**

- NHDES- Confirmation of Complete Forestry Statutory Permit by Notification#2020-02052
- Mohawk Trail Riders- Application

**3. ZOOM CALL WITH SUSAN SLACK (LRPC) TO DISCUSS PROPOSED GROUNDWATER ORDINANCE**

3) Ms. Slack gave overview of proposed groundwater ordinance. She discussed proposed permissions and regulations which can be modified in a collaborative effort. Mrs. Martinez advised that Commission will work on ordinance as whole and then will connect with Planning Board to discuss. Mr. Pollock advised timeline for completion more likely will be closer to 2022 Town Warrant; Ms. Peterson was in agreement with timeframe based on current agenda items on Planning Board.

**4. SNAKE RIVER UPDATE/ARM GRANT DISCUSSION**

4) Mrs. Martinez presented update via email that was received from Right Angle Engineering Ms. Erin Darrow. Ms. Darrow has requested another extension from NHDES who has requested further information. Mrs. Martinez will also set up a time to discuss Aquatic Resource Mitigation (ARM) grant process with Ms. Darrow.

**5. JACKSON POND UPDATE/DISCUSSION**

5) Mrs. Martinez opened discussion from public members Mr. & Mrs. Strong who introduced themselves on behalf of the Friends of Jackson Pond (FJP). Mr. Strong gave a background behind the organization. FJP would like to hold the easement on Jackson Pond town property. Mr. Pollock advised history of potentially conserving parcel. It was mentioned that Commission is working with the Squam Lake Conservation Trust at this time to establish the easement. Mr. Strong feels FJP could also be a potential holder for the easement. Ms. Peterson inquired about current easements that FJP currently holds, Mr. Strong advised that they currently do not hold any easements. Ms. Martinez discussed work, costs, and responsibility in holding an easement. FJP would like to be able to present potential easement capability of the Jackson Pond property, the Commission agreed to have FJP representatives draft up formal informational about the FJP organization for review at October Meeting. Commission will continue discussion of Jackson Pond Easement at the October Meeting. Mrs. Martinez also advised that survey has been completed and passed around copies of completed survey for Commission to review.

**6. BALD LEDGE UPDATE/DISCUSSION.**

**7. MOHAWK TRAIL RIDERS**

**8. KDCA- MAINTENANCE AND BRUSH HOGGING ORCHARDS.**

**9. BEDROSIAN PROPERTY: TAX MAP R6: LOT #3**

**10. MONITORING ASSIGNMENTS-DIXON HILL**

**11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

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6) Mrs. Martinez advised update on Bald Ledge, survey is pending and she has been in contact with Lakes Region Conservation Trust Operations Director Lisetta Silvestri from LRCT. Mrs. Martinez discussed information that was forwarded via email. LRCT has presented a cost of \$10,000 to cover the LRCT Conservation Stewardship for the Bald Ledge Easement. Commission is in agreement at this time to move forward with funding. Mrs. Martinez will continue to follow-up with LRCT.

*Mrs. Pendergast made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pollock to approve the \$10,000.00 for LRCT Stewardship. **Vote was unanimous.***

Commission discussed signage regarding NH leash laws. Ms. Peterson recommended having signs at all conservation areas. Mrs. Martinez will look into estimate for all properties.

7) Mr. Harvey introduced himself and discussed history of Mohawk Trail Riders. He has submitted new application for the next 5 years along with copy of insurance policy. *Mr. Pollock made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Pendergast to approve application for the next 5 years. **Vote was unanimous.*** Mrs. Martinez will sign and submit to town office.

8) Mrs. Martinez advised that she has recently gone down to the Kelley Drake Conservation Area (KDCA) with past Commission member Rick Leroux to look at Apple Orchards. Commission is in agreement to create schedule to maintain orchards and trails. Mrs. Pendergast provided potential vendor for brush hogging. Mrs. Martinez will contact Mrs. Pendergast to look over area that should be maintained. It was also recommended that Commission locates a permanent vendor to maintain the trail for KDCA. Mrs. Martinez will attempt to obtain bids on trail maintenance.

9) Mrs. Martinez received call from Mrs. Norma Bedrosian regarding her property. Commission at this time is in agreement to move forward on reviewing for conservation area. Mrs. Martinez will schedule meeting with Town Administrator and Vice Chair Bob Pollock to discuss further.

10) Conservation areas were assigned for yearly monitoring. Mrs. Martinez will contact Surveyor for Dixon Hill to ensure that line get marked and NHCC markers up. She also advised during monitoring to please check blazes and markings along property lines.

11) Mrs. Martinez discussed budget and potential costs. She will submit to Town Office.

Mrs. Martinez presented invoice to purchase additional pamphlets for KDCA. *Mrs. Pendergast made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pollock to purchase 250 pamphlets in the amount of \$170.00. **Vote was unanimous.*** Mrs. Martinez will sign, order and submit for payment.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Pollock made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Pendergast at 8:55 p.m. to adjourn meeting. **Vote was unanimous.**

*Respectfully submitted,  
Shana M. Martinez*