

Town of New Hampton
Conservation Commission Minutes of Annual Planning Meeting
January 26, 2019

New Hampton Town Office
Upstairs Meeting Room, 6 Pinnacle Hill Rd.

Members present: T. Simpson, Chair, R. Pollock, G. DuBois, R. Leroux, K. Peterson,
P. Schlesinger, M. Schofield

Absent: B. Rolfe

Meeting called to order by Tyler Simpson at 8:07 a.m.

Minutes of the 12/10/18 meeting were reviewed. Motion was made by Leroux, seconded by Schofield to approve minutes with the following addendum: “signs to K.D.C.A. will not be placed until parking lot is modified and enlarged,”. Minutes accepted by unanimous vote.

A review of the Commission Goals from the Annual Planning Meeting of Jan. 13, 2018 were reviewed with the following **accomplishments:**

- Yearly monitoring of properties managed by the NHCC
 - Jenness Spring
 - Dixon Hill
 - Youst/CRB C.A.
 - Swain
 - Merrill
 - Snake River
 - Kelley-Drake
- A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the monitoring the Smoke Rise properties. It was decided that since these properties were not legally part of the Kelley-Drake Conservation Area (K.D.C.A) the Commission is not legally bound to monitor these properties. In addition the Jenness Spring property does not have an easement and therefore the Commission should not be monitoring a town property as it is a conflict of interests. Further discussion is needed as a later date.
- The Commission recruited two new members (alternates). It was suggested that the Commission continue to seek volunteers to participate in meetings and other activities of the Commission.
- The Youst/CBR property has been surveyed and boundaries marked.
- The K.D.C.A : Trails blazed, signs posted, 4 benches installed (one granite), apple orchard brushed, trees pruned and contractor contacted to provide further work on the “apple-freeing project;” *Forest Management Plan* submitted by the New England Forestry Consultants, Inc. approved; plans developed for enlarged and improved parking; brush hogging around cellar holes and adjacent areas on a routine basis; kiosk installed adjacent to cellar holes that describes the history of the property, donated by the New Hampton Historical Society; NHCC boundary markers placed on Kelley Island.
- Snake River C.A.: Design and permitting process for parking area initiated.

- Bald Ledge: Signage, maintenance of the trail and clearing of view. DuBois will contact representative at NH Div. of Forest and Lands to continue trail maintenance.
- Community volunteers provided 152 hours and Commissions well over 200 hours of their personal time in a number of activities on New Hampton Conservation properties.

Goals for 2019-2020

KDCA

- Continue Apple Release Project.
- New contract for hog brushing around cellar holes and other areas of the K.D.C.A. as deemed appropriate.
- Trail maps and description of trails at K.D.C.A. printed and placed on town website.
- Build and install kiosk at gate of the K.D.C.A., contingent on parking modifications and Select Board approval. Funds to purchase materials (\$250) have been donated and a community member has volunteered to build the kiosk.

Jenness Spring

- Eliminate knotweed infestation, remove gravel pile and new signage.
- Removal of maple sap lines and steel tank. Request sent to B. Lucas and Select Board with Monitoring Report. Follow up is needed.

Bald Ledge

- Secure permit for trail maintenance-Bald Ledge.

Glines

- Complete survey, mark boundaries and create forest management plan for the Glines Property.

Snake River

- Complete Parking design and permitting process through NHDOT.
- New NHCC sign installed.

Youst/CBR CA

- New NHCC installed.

Common Goals

- The Commission will receive quarterly financial statements with specific income and expenses from the New Hampton Treasurer on a quarterly basis starting in March, 2019.
- A Commissioner(s) will meet with Select Board on a yearly basis starting in November, 2019 to brief Board on activities and accomplishment of the Commission.
- Recruitment of volunteers to work on projects and attend meetings.
- Multiuse signs placed at appropriate places on properties.
- Continue to maintain accounting of hours volunteers provide services to the Commission

Other issues discussed:

- Pollock discussed need to have an alternate available to review wetland permits when Pollock has a conflict of interest. Discussion followed regarding expertise and knowledge of wetland rules and the permitting process in order to sign-off on any application. No alternate was designated at this time.
- Pollock shared a document regarding new wetland rules now being written.
- Pollock informed Commissioners that the Open Space Plan has been incorporated into the Planning Board's 10 year planning document under Land Resource Section. Pollock and Leroux will work together to update the Open Space Plan.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gordon DuBois, Secretary, NHCC

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