

**Town of New Hampton
Conservation Commission
Minutes**

New Hampton Town Office
Upstairs Meeting Room, 6 Pinnacle Hill Rd.
October 13, 2014

Commission members present: D. Moore (Chair), B. Rolfe, P. Schlesinger

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

I) Minutes:

B. Rolfe moved and P. Schlesinger seconded accept the minutes for the 9/15/14 meeting with the following changes:

- a) 1st page in Commission member present list, Pollak be change to Pollock.
- b) 1st page under section IV) New Business a) Friday November 1st be changed to Saturday November 1st.

Vote was unanimous.

II) Update on the Snake River Trail:

a) Moore reported that Ralph Pisapia of the Meredith, HN Conservation Commission had emailed a copy of the monitoring report filed with NHDES of the conversation easements held by the Town of Meredith on the Baird, Speare, and Bergeron properties along the Snake River.

b) Moore reported on an email message from Erin Darrow, from Right Angle Engineering, who said that the survey work is completed and that work is currently proceeding on putting together a number of alternatives trail designs with estimates of costs for each of the alternatives. When finished with these designs and costs figures, she would enjoy presenting them to the commission, but has asked, because of schedule conflicts, if it would be possible do so at a meeting that is not on Monday nights. All present thought that request could be respected.

c) Moore presented an invoice from Right Angle Engineering for the contracted work that was completed to date for \$3,285.00. Schlesinger moved and Rolfe seconded that the commission authorize payment of the invoice. The motion carried unanimously.

III) The Jacinthe Demers property just past the Ashland town line along the north side of Winona Road:

a) Moore reported on a phone conversation that he had with Harold Lamos, co-owner of the Demers property about an interest to put the property under Wetlands Current Use status. The property follows Ames Brook and has two ponds. Lamos also indicated that he and Demers are interested in possibility of opening a trail for public use on the property.

b) It was decided that Moore would contact Lamos and arrange a tour of the property for the commissioners.

IV) Proposed retreat for January 2015 to review and prioritize the commission immediate objectives for the next year and to discuss desired directions for guiding commission activities over the next several years:

a) It was agreed that an assessment of current conservation easements and properties will be done to establish where we are. Special mention was made of Kelly-Drake, Jensen Spring, the island in Lake Pemigewasset, Bald Ledge, and the Dole properties.

b) Then there was agreement that we could tap volunteer interest through the current service learning initiatives at local schools, especially the New Hampton School, Newfound High School and Plymouth State University.

VI) New Business: Schlesinger reported that she and a volunteer were touring the Kelly-Drake Conservation Area and found the board walk and shelter to be in state of questionable repair. Rolfe volunteered to visit, assess the condition of both and to report to the Public Works Director, if any remedial action is need to secure or demolish these structures. Schlesinger said that she would contact the Town Administrator and make her aware of the situation.

B. Rolfe moved and Schlesinger seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Submitted,

D. Moore, Acting Scribe