

**Town of New Hampton
Conservation Commission
Minutes**

Upstairs Meeting Room, 12 Pinnacle Hill Rd.
October 14, 2013

Commission members present: N. Conkling, R. Kirshner (Chair), B. Pollock, B. Rolfe, P. Schlesinger
Also present: Selectmen V. Fraser and N. Irvine; Chuck Braxton, Don Bergeron

The Chair opened the meeting at 7:05 P.M.

I) Minutes:

a) P. Schlesinger moved and N. Conkling seconded approval of the minutes of the meeting of September 18th, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

II) DES Communications:

Held over until next meeting.

III) Snake River Conservation Area:

a) There was considerable further discussion about plans for the interpretive trail. P. Schlesinger moved and N. Conkling seconded a motion to have the commission:

a) Support and acknowledge the efforts so far of R. Kirshner concerning the Snake River Conservation Area

b) Acknowledge the input of residents on the subject

c) Fulfill our commitments for the NH DES ARM Fund and NHEC Foundation grants with that input in mind.

The motion carried unanimously.

b) Chuck Braxton of the Windy Waters Conservancy and Don Bergeron presented a proposal to donate approximately 5.1 acres of the Bergeron's land abutting the former Spear property to the commission as a boundary line adjustment. The proposal would require approval by the Planning Board and the selectmen as well as the commission. Pending more detail, P. Schlesinger moved and N. Conkling seconded accepting the proposal in principle. The motion carried unanimously.

IV) Kelley - Drake Conservation Area:

a) R. Kirshner reported that Bill Huckins has completed repairs to the bridge at the entrance to the area.

b) We need to have our biennial brush-hog clearing of the fields done again. R. Kirshner reported that the grants from NH Fish and Game that were previously used for this purpose are no longer

available, nor are federal WHIP funds. N. Conkling moved and B. Rolfe seconded a motion to expend not more than \$1000 from the Conservation Fund to pay for the clearing. The motion carried unanimously. R. Kirshner will contact Garrett Gilpatric.

c) The commission received drawings and comments from the 4th graders from the New Hampton Community School about their field trip to the area with Dave Erler.

V) Laconia Conservation Project

a) R. Kirshner presented the request for feedback from the project regarding our priorities. Since many people had not yet read the materials, we will work on this via email.

VI) PSB Lot Trail:

a) R. Kirshner reported paying several bills from Shaun Legeux.

VII) Miscellaneous:

a) R. Kirshner urged members to attend the NHACC Annual Meeting in Concord on November 2nd.

b) A retirement celebration for Kim Koulet of the LRPC will be held at the Chase House in Meredith on November 25th.

c) R. Kirshner reported submitting a budget request for the commission to the selectmen for the same amount as 2013 and previous years.

d) R. Kirshner reported receiving an email from Pamela Emerson regarding the possible protection of 460 acres in Sanbornton. He replied that the commission cannot participate financially due to the town having voted against the provisions of RSA 36-A (4-a).

VIII) Old Business: P. Schlesinger reported she is still working on the Main Street Tree project, but has not yet contacted the New Hampton School.

IX) New Business:

a) R. Kirshner reported that he will be in Arizona in November due to family health issues. Our next meeting would normally be November 11th, which is also Veteran's Day. P. Schlesinger moved and N. Conkling seconded delaying the meeting until later that month. The motion carried unanimously.

N. Conkling moved and B. Draper seconded adjournment at 8:55 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
N. Conkling, Secretary