

**Town of New Hampton  
Conservation Commission  
Minutes**

**New Hampton Town Office**  
Upstairs Meeting Room, 12 Pinnacle Hill Rd.  
August 11, 2014

Commission members present: D. Moore (Chair), R. Pollak, B. Rolfe, P. Schlesinger  
Also Present: B. Lucas, Town Administrator

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

I) Minutes:

a) P. Schlesinger moved and B. Rolfe seconded approval of the minutes of the meeting of June 23, 2014 Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

II) Update on the Snake River Trail:

- a) Moore introduced a map produced by NHDOT for access to a parking area for the trail. For safety, the access was placed nearer the rail tracks and away from the bend in the road, a site that is further southwest along Waukegan Road than that of the originally planned parking entrance.
- b) Lucas spoke about a proposal being drafted by Erin Darrow for professional civil engineering services for siting and planning parking and trails. Darrow ball parked the costs of these services to be around \$7500.
- c) Lucas reported that the DES sign needs to be sited and installed.
- d) Lucas informed the commissioners that the ARM grant had been extended for 90 days, but the both engineering and construction must be completed soon.
- e) Discussion among the commissioners centered on managing the tasks to be completed within the time extension, and to that end, it was decided that Thursday August 14, 2014 @ 6:00pm members would walk the Snake River property to review possible alternatives for the proposed trail and to finalize siting the DES signage.

III) New Hampton Nature & Fitness:

a) Schlesinger spoke about the work Ralph Kirshner had done crafting text for the nature interests along the trail. All were impressed with detail of the analysis and discussed possible ways for providing that information to the general public through signs and printed material.

IV) Recruiting persons to fill current vacancies on the Commission:

a) Following a general discussion, it was agreed that each commissioner would bring two names forward to the next meeting for review and consideration.

V) Old Business: Moore reviewed an invoice for services provided by Rick Van de Poll with respect to preparing an impact analysis of and plans for siting a trail on the Snake River property for the sum of \$1425.00. Schlesinger moved and Pollack seconded a motion to allocate \$2000.00 to cover the current invoice and to have monies available for the possible additional costs due to resituating the parking access and ADA considerations. Approved by consensus.

VI) New Business: Moore suggested that the Commission revisit some of the more recent projects and perhaps prioritize actions for the coming year. After discussion, it was that December would be the appropriate month to set aside time for a review and look forward.

B. Rolfe moved and Schlesinger seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Submitted,

D. Moore, Acting Scribe

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