

DRAFT MINUTES  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING  
December 12, 2018

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, David McTigue, Vice Chairman, Karen Miller, Jack Messe, Matt Oliveira Lori Rautiola

ABSENT: Kleta Dudley

The meeting was called to order at the Town Office on December 12, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Bob made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2018 meeting. David seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Bob made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2018 meeting. Karen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Committee Reports:**

Matt made a motion to pay an invoice from the NH Association of Conservation Commissions in the amount of \$325. Karen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Matt made a motion to pay an invoice from Attorney Thomas Hannah in the amount of \$2,075.00. This invoice was for a title search that was completed on the Stone's Landing property. Karen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**New Business:** Bob reported a title search had been completed on the Stone's Landing property and it was determined the area in which Bob thought was stone's landing, was part of Map 12/106 which is the property where the new bridge was installed. Bob added lot 12/109-1 (located on the tax map and plot cards) does not exist. Bob noted the survey also determined the owner of map 12/106 owns about 20 acres of the abutting property. Matt questioned the legitimacy of the conclusion. Bob noted there are other considerations, a second opinion and having a proper survey done on the property; however, the town records and the title search seem to match up.

Bob stated the problem is the town tax maps are inaccurate. The tax map does not match the 2016 survey of map 12/106. This shows how inaccurate the tax maps are, both by scale and shape of the property. Bob mentioned a company had come to the Town Office earlier this year with a proposal of \$165,000, to research deeds and align the map, surveying where necessary to in order to solve this problem. Bob stated it would be a good idea to collaborate with the Board of Assessors and approach the Selectmen in order to get this approved. He added if this does not get done New Ipswich will always have inaccurate maps and never be "up to date" with the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Bob asked Lori to send the owner of map 12/106 a letter to inform them of the restrictions for cutting along the shoreline.

The Commission revisited the Land Protection Criteria Worksheet. Bob stated the worksheet should have no more than 10 bullet points and should be easy to understand.

Members discussed prime wetlands. Bob questioned if any members would be interested in doing research on finding prime wetlands in town.

**Trails:** The Commission revisited trail maps. It was noted it is a hard time of year to map trails and would revisit the task in the spring.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Rautiola, Secretary