

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING  
MARCH 14, 2018

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, Jack Messe, Lisa Oden, David McTigue, Karen Miller, Lori Rautiola  
ABSENT: Matt Oliveira, Kleta Dudley (SoRLAC Representative)

The meeting was called to order at the Town Office on March 14, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

The minutes of the February 14, 2018 meeting were reviewed and the following corrections made: replace the word "likeness" with "choice". Bob made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. David seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Committee Reports:**

Bob revisited the Commission's need for monitoring conservation properties adding there is a legal process and chances are slim that there would be a violation on one of our properties but it is possible. Timber harvesting would be one probable violation for the Commission. There should be a formal process for monitoring properties.

**Lands:** The Commission reviewed Lisa's document on Land Evaluation Criteria. Bob commented the Commission has a few lists of criteria and it would be good to consolidate them into one list. Bob questioned members if the criteria should be the same for land with easements as it is for land trusts and members agreed it should be the same. Lisa noted the document is a good template to go by because of its layout and how it displays the adverse effects, natural value, land value etc. She added she liked the headings used as well. David mentioned members could decide what the Commission's priorities are for criteria and list the top ones first. Members agreed and discussed what would be the best way to combine all the current lists into one layout. Jack suggested having five or six categories and come up with a heading and fill the criteria in where it would be categorized. The Commission went through the document and eliminated criteria that did not apply.

Bob mentioned criteria M under External Influences (neighboring uses are compatible with the Towns intended use) was a good one to have on the list. Karen questioned the meaning in the 1995 document of land criteria where it states "the lack of accessibility by the public" and why that would be negative to the property. Bob stated if the land was landlocked there would be no way to get to the property. Bob noted Rights and Restrictions should be added to the document and should be in the beginning of the document. The description of the property will be at the beginning as well.

Bob stated he will be able to duplicate the document with the updated criteria. The Commission gave their final suggestions for the new Land Criteria Evaluation Sheet. Bob will email a copy of the document when complete and would like members to respond with their input.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lori Rautiola