

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
February 8, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, David McTigue, Kleta Dudley, Karen Miller and Susan Mallett

ABSENT: Matt Oliveira, Mike Bara

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

Bob made a motion to make Kleta and Susan voting members for this evenings meeting. Karen seconded the motion and all were in agreement.

Prior months meeting minutes were reviewed, and changes noted.

Karen made a motion to accept the minutes with changes discussed, David seconded the motion and all were in agreement.

Prime wetlands were discussed next, and for the one area being considered it was discussed how to get the abutters list, because the wetlands are on various properties and not one lot. Bob would like to send the abutters a letter to get their feedback.

Piscataqua Land Conservancy (PLC) hopes to close on the Montagu property in August 2023. Bob also noted that no money for Skinny Kat has been requested yet.

A new monitoring template was handed out to the members, and they will be asked to give feedback at next month's meeting (March). Bob would like to make it as simple as possible and asks if there are any ideas to slim the form down at all. Some suggestions are eliminating weather conditions, survey map, and combining some items. Bob suggested putting survey map into the binder once and not with every form.

For the Land Owner, in our case it's mostly the Town of New Ipswich property, so not needed. Dixie's property would be an exception to that. Kellogg property would be another exception. Bob will check with the PLC to see if form can be modified for our use.

Bob had an invoice for Moosewood, they are the organization that did the prime wetland study. The invoice was for \$680. The surveyor said he won't go on the property unless he has proof of landowner permission, but it does look like a good candidate for Prime wetlands.

Souhegan Watershed Association (SWA), Bob would like to donate \$100 to them but he would like to get the results in return and the test site locations. Kleta noted the results should be published on the website. She will find out for sure and if they can do year end results. EPA will help with testing in depth this year.

Bob said they (SWA) indicated they wanted to be included in the Master Plan. Kleta clarified that there is the SWA and the Souhegan Local River Advisory Committee (SoLRAC). They are the ones who want to ensure they are included in all the Towns Master Plans. Bob said that because they are not an entity of

the Town, they need to provide us the info and the Conservation Commission will submit to the Master Plan. Kleta said they want us to tell them what we want, ie: clean water, recreational interest, etc. They are sending a rep to each town. Bob has a concern that all towns will have different objective. Nashua Regional Planning will be putting the plan together. Cori will present for New Ipswich, Kleta will see if he will come to a Conservation Commission meeting.

SoRLAC started as social group, now only doing water testing in Milford.

The \$100 would go to paying for supplies, such as bottles, chemicals, etc.

A motion was made by Kleta to pay the invoice from Moosewood for \$680 was made and Karen seconded it, and all were in favor.

A motion to pay the ESRI (GIS) invoice for \$400 was made by Kleta, seconded by Karen and all were in favor.

Bob mentioned the ZOOM august bill and it was agreed to let it expire when it expires as it is not used anymore. Bob will have to cancel the account before it expires.

Bob noted he got a call from Shawn Talbot regarding Kenny Lehtonen property that is landlocked. There is a stream that goes into Tophet swamp and he can't log on his property. Kenny asked if he could use the town property to access so he doesn't have to cross swamp. Town asked for the gravel under the timber in return. Bob is concerned for the wetlands out there and suggested two RFP's. 1) to select Forester and 2) Done by Forester for Logger RFP. All of the work done so far has been done is pro bono. Bob asked what would happen if there was no gravel. Karen asked why doesn't he just put in a bridge, and Bob said if he is doing subdivision, he would need two bridges. There are some restrictions on the property due to the proximity to the land fill per Bobs call to Concord.

A MOTION to adjourn was made by Karen, and SECONDED by Kleta, All in attendance were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Mallett