

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

APRIL 12, 2017

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

The meeting was called to order at the Town Office at 7:30 p.m.

The minutes of the March 8, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Bob made a motion to approve the minutes. Lisa seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Communications: The members discussed the need for a Town vote in order to put land into an easement. Bob stated if the Town owns the land they do not need a vote to put land into an easement. If the Commission wanted to donate funds on a property that the Town did not own, it would need to go before voters on a ballot.

Water Resources: The Commission reviewed the draft letter/survey for residents in the vicinity of the "Page Hill Dump". David will determine which properties will be good candidates for well testing and the letter/survey will go out to those residents. There was discussion on private wells in town and Karen feels the Commission should find ways to educate residents on their wells. Matt responded the NHDES website has private well information available for residents.

Lands: Bob suggested members research properties in town to purchase and protect. Properties with high quality natural resources, good habitat, wetlands and forest are all potential properties to look for. He added the Conservation Commission does not need to purchase the land to put it into easement. The Commission can help residents with the cost and put the land into easement for the property owner. There was discussion on how to inform residents of the benefits of putting their land into an easement with the Commission's help.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Rautiola