

CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
NOVEMBER 8, 2017

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

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

**Committee Reports:**

The minutes from the October 11, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Matt made a motion to approve the minutes. Lisa seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Lands:** Mansfield Meadow was discussed. Bob stated the land is still unprotected and believes it is not in danger of encroachment. Members agreed the land is not in danger and to leave it as unprotected land at this time.

Bob distributed a copy of the Town's Land Evaluation Criteria for Conservation Land adopted in 1995 and he also distributed a document from 2006 on "Evaluating Potential Conservation Lands" and "Land Protection Guidelines". He stated he would like to combine all three documents to use when evaluating land for protection. Members discussed the criteria and how to combine the three documents. Kleta stated all three documents are different but important in their own way and members agreed. Members also agreed to do some research on templates for evaluating conservation lands and will continue the discussion at next month's meeting. Members discussed drafting a letter to inform landowners about the benefits of having a conservation easement on their property. Bob noted the letter could be posted on the Commission's Facebook page as well in hopes of getting the word out to landowners.

**Communications:** The Commission reviewed the test results from the Page Hill Landfill site. David prepared an analysis of the results and shared it with Bob prior to the meeting. Matt stated David's letter was very well written and gave a brief overview of the analysis of the wells; it appears that no volatile organic compounds were found and no other impacts from the dump site were found. There was one landowner whose results showed high levels of arsenic which is not necessarily from the dump site. Members discussed the results. Bob noted the Commission will be sending out a letter along with the landowners' test results.

Karen commented NHDES would like to know if New Ipswich would like to do a public outreach presentation regarding water and wells. Bob responded that would be in the purview of the Selectmen not the Conservation Commission. Karen stated she will approach the Selectmen and believes it will be a good outreach to help inform residents about water.

**New Business:** Bob stated he received a letter from Ethan Belair, Forester at UNH. Mr. Belair has requested a list of town owned Conservation Lands for all the towns in NH. Bob Added he will refer Mr. Belair to the Granite website where a list is available.

Bob mentioned the Northeast Wilderness Trust Charter and easement is being modified due to the restrictions they were putting on the land.

The Monadnock Conservancy has requested a donation in the amount of \$150. Members discussed the amount and agreed to keep the donation the same as last year which was \$100. Bob made a motion to donate \$100 to the Monadnock Conservancy. Matt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Water Resources:** Bob stated the well tests from ChemServe are complete: David will finish the letter to applicants and it will be sent out along with the test results. There are two invoices from ChemServe, one in the amount of \$974 and the other in the amount of \$537. Lisa made a motion to pay the total balance of \$1511.00 to ChemServe. Kleta seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Bob mentioned he wanted to let Mr. Ed Rogers and his Robotics Club know there is a layer on the GIS interactive maps for dams they are researching.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Rautiola