

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
February 9, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Bob made a MOTION to accept minutes from January 2022, Karen SECONDED, all were in favor

Tom Jones from Piscataquog Land Conservancy introduced himself and what he wants to do with a particular property in town. Briefly discussed easements and that the owner wants to build a home for son on part of the property. Tom and owner still working out the details. Forest management plan with licensed forester needed for property going into conservation.

It was asked if the owner was interested in including some of the wetland on the rest of the property. Also discussed 2 streams in the property. Also, the property next door has easement (not a conservation easement).

Estimated timeline if funding approved, closing by end of June or as late as spring 2023. Bob motioned to proceed with land protection with Piscataquog Land Conservancy. David Seconded, all were in agreement.

Bob asked if an escort were needed to go on property, Tom will check with the owner to see. Bob noted 6 properties, issue monitoring them and that he sees it becoming more difficult. Presentation was done at 8:07 pm

Bob went on to discuss some tax parcels he reviewed over the weekend. He also showed how to see various properties not able to be developed, ie: town land, steep slopes.

Bob sent an email to Shawn Talbot, BOS Chair, letting him know for the past 30 years the procedure has been to have candidates attend a couple of meetings, then if they are a good fit and interested, the Conservation Commission will nominate the candidate and then give the name to the Selectmen who will appoint the first time. The candidate takes an oath in the first term, after the first term expires, the Conservation Commission re-ups the membership and there is no need to take the oath again.

It was also noted that if the Conservation Commission is purchasing land, a town meeting is held and the BOS sign the deed. If it's an easement, no town meeting needed, the BOS sign the easement.

At 8:32 pm A MOTION to adjourn was made by Bob Boynton, and SECONDED by David McTigue, All in attendance were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Mallett