

**TOWN OF HOLDERNESS
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES, January 9, 2024**

Larry Spencer called the meeting to order at 4:00

Commissioners Present: Larry Spencer, Bill Nesheim, Woodie Laverack, Anne Packard, April Sargent,

Not Present: Shelagh Connelly, Ben Amsden

Also Present: Lucinda Hannus, Land Use Administrator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 12, 2023

**“Motion to approve the minutes as presented “– L. Spencer
Second – B. Nesheim**

Approved: 5 - Yes, 0 - No

MAIL CHECK: No new mail

OLD ITEMS:

1. Trails on Property – B. Nesheim to continue efforts to get new signs made.

NEW ITEMS:

1. LCHIP event – A. Sargent spoke to the great attendance at the award event with the Governor and rewarding to see that a wide variety of important projects received awards.
2. Meeting with Roger LaRochelle – L. Spencer spoke to the board about his recent meeting with Roger and their interest in working with the town, Plymouth, and Ashland on the LCHIP process. L. Spencer went over some of the due diligent items he has started to address, he has spoken with Tom Hahn about the boundary survey and the deed research and that our attorney will need to do the title, deeds and easements that will be needed. He has also spoken to Irene Garvey, Abenaki Environmental about doing the environmental assessment. Mr. Spencer is still on track for a May/June schedule to have everything tied up. He has also been talking to other groups such as PRLAC, the snowmobile club and others regarding the management plan. B. Nesheim stated that a stakeholders list should be formed and should include PDs from Plymouth, Holderness, Ashland, and the university.
3. Annual report – The draft report was presented to the members for comments. A. Packard stated she had a few comments but S. Connelly addressed them all in her comments. L. Hannus read Ms. Connelly’s amended version and all members approved of the amendments, adding pictures of the LCHIP award ceremony would be good to include if possible.
4. Pending Legislation – L. Spencer went through a list of pending legislation that the NHACC members feel warrants support or objections. These bills addressed shoreland permits, septic systems, groundwater, cyanobacteria, timber harvest,

phosphorous in fertilizers to name a few. All bills can be commented on by going to the state's website or some of the hearing meetings are live streamed for the public to watch. One bill proposed to make CC members an elected position is opposed by the NHCCA.

5. PRLAC Corridor Plan – L. Spencer said there is a link on their website to the newly adopted (Jan 2, 2024) management plan for communities along the Pemi.

6. PRLAC Membership – L. Spencer inquired of members of desire to join the membership and to reach out to the town's current member C. Lehner as to his desire to continue as Holderness's representative. B. Nesheim will reach out to him at the next planning board meeting.

7. Winter schedule – L. Spencer asked if he thought the members were interested in coordinating a winter hike. Members responded that previous attempts were not well attended and the weather is so unpredictable it makes scheduling difficult. B. Nesheim is interested in scheduling local walks and would work on putting something together. L. Hannus suggested a "ribbon cutting" at the Oxbow site once the project is finalized.

L. Spencer closed the meeting by stating that he does not want to see the Oxbow property become a burden to the communities, that this project will formalize ongoing public access to the area, and that work to determine what should go into the easement and management plans is on-going.

Next Meeting is February 13, 2024

ADJOURNMENT: With no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Lucinda M. Hannus
Land Use Administrator