

TOWN OF HOLDERNESS
Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes May 11, 2021

A. Packard called the meeting held via Zoom to order at 4:00PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Members Present:

Anne Packard Bill Nesheim Ben Amsden Shelagh Connelly April Sargent (4:23pm)

Members Not Present:

Larry Spencer, Chairman Woodie Laverack, Ex-Officio

Others Present:

Nancy Isikoff Bonnie Hunt Cici Cyr Dan Falby

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of March 9, 2021 were approved as presented.

The minutes of April 13, 2021 were approved with the correction of capitalizing the "S" in Spencer.

MAIL CHECK: The following items were reviewed in the mail folder:

1. Public Hearing Notice for Boundary Line Adjustment: emailed with plan on May 4, 2021
2. Public Hearing Notice for Subdivision: emailed with plan on May 4, 2021
3. Forest Ranger Notice: J. Martin Variance to cut more than 50% of basal area: emailed with plan May 4
4. NHDES: Receipt of Shoreland Permit Application 2021-01137 Jon Martin 66 White Oak Pond Rd
5. David Driscoll Designs: Abutter Notice for 66 White Oak Pond 225-080-000
6. NHTOA: 2021 Annual Meeting May 13, 2021 6:00pm via Zoom (packet at Town Hall re: meeting
7. 2021: Spring "Caring for your Forest Workshops for Landowners"
8. 2021: NHTOA Women Woodland Owners Chainsaw Safety June 5, & June 6 8:00 – 4:00
9. Squam Lakes Natural Science Center Tracks & Trails newsletter
10. Supply Lines with the Source newsletter
11. National Woodlands magazine Spring 2021

OLD ITEMS:

Survey of the Howe Town Forest and study of the town needs for the DPW parcel:

The Commission members present agreed that B. Nesheim should request this to be an agenda item for the next Board of Selectmen meeting and to attend that meeting (May 24, 2021).

Holderness School Project: It was noted that the Holderness School project to improve the Nordic Ski Trails and to add a pond for snow-making capability was approved by the Planning Board with the condition that a NH Alteration of Terrain Permit be obtained. It was noted that the Holderness School project to replace the turf on an existing field, construct new fields and add lighting was also approved.

B. Amsden noted this item does not need to remain on the Conservation Commission Agenda.

NEW ITEMS:

Permits from April:

Anne Packard noted two new application are available for review at the Town Hall

1. J Grier 236-108-000 40 NH Rt 113 seasonal dock
2. M Culley 102-059-000 18 Perkins Lane Remove/replace existing fire pit

Important legislative items before the NH House and Senate:

L. Spencer was not present to update the Commission members regarding this issue.

Public Comment:

Ann Packard recognized members of the public present and provided an opportunity for them to speak.

Nancy Isikoff

- WOPWA sent letter to Planning Board with 46 signatures re: G. Howard Subdivision
- Requested Conservation Commission received copies of correspondence submitted to the Planning Board regarding the G. Howard subdivision.
- WOPWA asked the Planning Board to seek input from the Conservation Commission regarding the G. Howard subdivision.
- Requested Commission members to take an active role in the G. Howard subdivision application
- The plan doesn't adequately show road details, location of wetlands and springs or the culverts on Cuxboro Road.

Ann Packed stated she had visited the G. Howard property and agreed that the conservation Commission should suggest the Planning Board do a little more homework regarding the G. Howard subdivision before making a decision.

Cici Cyr & Dan Falby

- Thanked Ann Packard for doing a site visit.
- Wetlands, ledge and slopes in excess of 25% are not identified on the plan
- Encouraged the Commission to comment on the subdivision

Bonnie Hunt

- Board member of WOPWA and member of Squam Lakes Conservation Society Board
- Lives on Cuxboro Road
- Concerned about the G. Howard subdivision

OLD ITEMS:

Knotweed at Transfer Station:

April Sargent stated she is willing to coordinate an effort to hold an event at the Holderness Transfer Station the weekend of June 5-6 demonstrating the proper way to get rid of Knotweed. The Commission members agreed that it would be a good educational opportunity. The Commission also discussed the removal of Knotweed along NH Rt 175. It was suggested communication with the Board of Selectmen take place – perhaps as part of the next Selectmen's meeting.

UP-COMING MEETINGS:

1. It was determined that the June 8, 2021 meeting will be a virtual meeting.
The Commission members agreed that since there are not meetings for July or August, the Commission can reassess the possibility of in-person meetings for the September meeting.
It was determined to elect officers at the June 8, 2021 meeting.
2. Short courses from NHANRS
3. September 11—50th Anniversary celebration of the NH Association of Conservation Commissions—Tentatively to be held at Bear Brook State Park.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Decoteau, Land Use Boards Assistant