

**TOWN OF HOLDERNESS  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES, January 10, 2023**

Larry Spencer called the meeting to order at 4:06PM

**Roll Call:**

**Commissioners Present:** *Larry Spencer, Bill Nesheim, Anne Packard, April Sargent, and Woodie Laverack, Ex Officio*

**Not Present:** *Shelagh Connelly, Ben Amsden*

**Also Present:** Lucinda Hannus, Town Land Use Assistant,

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 13, 2022**

**“Motion to approve the minutes as submitted “– Bill Nesheim**

**Second – Anne Packard**

**Approved 4- Yes 0- No**

**MAIL CHECK:** Mr. Spencer reviewed the mail, American Tree Farm System re-certification of the Beede Road tree farm and vegetation maintenance permit for Eversource in their NH-19 ROW with those present.

**OLD ITEMS:**

1. Trails – L. Spencer handed out metal trail markers he found in his basement and mentioned that trail work would start again in the spring.
2. LWCF Grant Application – The owner still on board to donate property to be used as match and that CC will move forward with acquisition grant. State is onboard with plan to do so. Still no positive response from National Park Service. State is positive about the grant application without improvements, land acquisition only as now submitted and is pursuing requesting assistance from congressional delegation at the Federal level.
3. Steep Slopes power line project – Proceeding with construction, Planning Board made recommendation to Select Board to approve application as submitted with no comments.
4. Hike at Pilote Forest – Still looking at late spring, late April or early May to lead a hike.

**NEW ITEMS:**

1. The article for Conservation Matters is scheduled for July 2023

2. PFAS Sampling town property – No additional results since August 2022 sampling available to date.
3. Prime wetlands – L. Spencer passed out the town's 1981 Official Wetlands Inventory for members, mentioned that NHACC will be presenting a zoom program on wetlands and suggested members attend. The chair opened the discussion on the town's wetlands, which ones are designated as Prime wetlands under state law and others that are not. Questioned the board on their thoughts of adding or removing any from the inventory. Further discussion while using the town's GIS on line map, members looked at and discussed the following sites:

Perch Pond Road

Rockywold Creek

White Oak Pond – impacts from transfer station and the area across the street that S. Connelly currently monitors

Town property near White Oak Pond taken by tax deed. B. Nesheim indicated this may be property that could be given to SLCS as a conservation easement.

Beede Road / Perch Pond and the Pemi Rod and Gun Club. Several members questioned whether lead shot, spent cartridges, clearing was being monitored on the property for protection to the wetlands.

Old Mill Pond not designated as Prime Wetlands

Sargent Road could it be designated as Prime Wetlands?

The chair indicated that the commission members should take some time to look at the inventory and review town maps in order to continue the discussion on updating the Prime Wetlands inventory of the town.

L. Spencer indicated he has had some discussions with the owner Alex Ray (Flying Monkey in Plymouth) about constructing a park on the Holderness side of the Pemi adjacent to the bridge. Vacant land on either side that has access to the river is owned by the state.

Next Meeting is February 14, 2023

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Lucinda M. Hannus  
Land Use Assistant