

**TOWN OF HOLDERNESS
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes, November 9, 2021**

Larry Spencer called the meeting to order at 4:04PM

Roll Call of Members:

Members Present: Larry Spencer, Chairman, Anne Packard, Ben Amsden, Shelagh Connelly, Woodie Laverack, Ex Officio

Members not present: Bill Nesheim and April Sargent

Also present: Town Administrator, Michael Capone and Quinn Amsden

Approval of Minutes: October 19, 2021- the minutes were approved as written.

Mail Check: Wetlands and Non-Site Specific Permit 2021-03145- was reviewed.

Old Items:

1. **Monitoring**—Larry asked members who had not yet completed their monitoring to complete the task prior to snow cover.
2. **Kiosks and trail maps**- Larry provided an update on the printing of Trail Maps. Some possible improvements to the Sargent Road parking area and access were discussed. It was determined that the Commission should wait to see how this area is used prior to deciding on any other improvements. There was also some discussion of the Pilote Forest trails and possible changes to routing. Larry is waiting on a marked-up map from Bill Nesheim to continue the discussion.
3. **Status of account at Meredith Village Savings Bank**- the Town Administrator mentioned that some new information had been received regarding this account and the Town Office was working on getting access to the funds so they could be used by the Commission.

NEW ITEMS:

1. **Signed permits from October**- Larry reviewed and signed the permits received to date.
2. **Mowing:** Larry mentioned that he had spoken with John Martin regarding mowing this year and he will get to it shortly.

3. **Tax Map 231-003** – the Town Administrator mentioned that an abutter to this town owned parcel had inquired about purchasing the 1.5 acres. RSA requires that the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board provide comment on the parcel prior to the Town proceeding with the sale, by sealed bid. The Commission members discussed the value of this lot as a conservation property and agreed that it was not in their interest to acquire it. Larry made a motion that the Commission advise the Select Board that they have no interest in the property. There was a second from Shelagh. It was noted that the lot would most likely be merged with an adjoining lot and put in current use. There being no further discussion, the Board voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.
4. **Recap of the annual meeting of the NH Association of Conservation Commissions** – Larry provided a summary of the meeting and mentioned that he had monitored sessions on the Cedar Swamp accessible trail system in Manchester and the use of the GAIA GPS app to do conservation property monitoring.
5. **Winter meeting schedule** – Larry suggested that the Commission meet in December and try to do a regional meeting with other Commissions in January. Those present were in agreement.

UP-COMING MEETINGS:

1. Next Commission Meeting, Tuesday, December 14, 2021

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

**Michael Capone
Town Administrator**