

TOWN OF HOLDERNESS
Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes September 14, 2021

L. Spencer called the meeting to order at 4:00PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Members Present:

Larry Spencer, Chairman	Anne Packard, Vice Chair	Ben Amsden
Shelagh Connelly	April Sargent	Woodie Laverack, Ex-Officio

Members Not Present: Bill Nesheim

Others Present: Roger Larochelle, Michael Capone

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of June 8, 2021 were approved as presented.

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

1. Correspondence from NHEC
2. 2022-23 Budget Information and Timetable
3. Correspondence from NH Tree Farmer
4. Shoreland Impact Permit Map 236 Lot 006
5. Minimum Impact Shoreland Permit Map 101 Lot 036
6. Wetlands and Non-Site-Specific Permit Map 246 Lot 011.

OLD ITEMS:

1. Survey of the Howe Town Forest and study of the town needs for the DPW parcel. Larry mentioned that he had received copies of the maps and a CAD file of the survey.
2. Knotweed at Transfer Station – April provided a quick update on the project. The Commission members reviewed and discussed other areas in Town where knotweed had been identified including two locations at the Holderness School. Larry had contacted the school regarding treatment options. He has also prepared a map noting other locations of knotweed throughout Town.

NEW ITEMS:

3. Roger Larochelle Squam Lakes Conservation Society Executive Director: Current/Future purchases & plans. Roger provided the commissioners with updated maps of the protected lands in the Squam Lakes Watershed and made mention of some other projects in the works. He also presented information regarding the “Forever Squam” initiative which will help land acquisition by offsetting some of the expenses normally incurred by property owners who wish to place their land in Conservation.

4. Larry provided an update on the Oxbow project noting that there was some additional information requested for the grant application. He is in the process of satisfying the request.
5. Larry mentioned that the 2022-23 budget information could be reviewed and discussed at the October meeting.
6. Larry provided a quick update on Legislative action in the NH House and Senate.
7. Due to a scheduling conflict Larry suggested that the October meeting be held on Tuesday, October 19th. The Commissioners were in agreement.
8. There was a discussion regarding the kiosk for the Sargent/Smith Road property. Shelagh had spoken with Kevin regarding the construction of a small parking area. Kevin indicated that he would do his best to get something done, but there were other priorities for the Highway Department at the moment. Shelagh will check back in with him. Larry mentioned that he would place the kiosk in the area where he thought the parking lot would most likely be constructed.
9. Larry asked the commissioners to complete their monitoring assignments prior to snowfall.
10. Larry provided a report on the 50th anniversary party for the NH Association of Conservation Commissions. He mentioned that about 50 people were present and Tink Taylor, who was one of the founding members of the group made some remarks.

UP-COMING MEETINGS:

1. Next Commission Meeting-Tuesday, October 19, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael R. Capone, Town Administrator