

**TOWN OF HOLDERNESS**  
**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
Regular Meeting Minutes February 12, 2019

**Members Present:** Larry Spencer, Chairman, Jenny Evans, Ben Amsden

**Members Not Present:** Anne Packard, Jacquelyn Jewell, Brian Gagnon, Shelagh Connelly, Ex-Officio

**Staff Present:** Linda Levy, Land Use Assistant

**Call to Order:** Larry Spencer called the meeting to order at 4:15.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Commission approved the minutes of the January 15, 2019 meeting.

**MAIL CHECK:**

1. Grafton County Conservation District Winter Workshops – workshop dates
2. NH Association of Conservation Commissions – invitation to apply for environmental or conservation project funding
3. Society for the Protection of NH Forests – Twombly CE monitoring report
4. NH Timberland Owners Association – dues payment receipt
5. Squam Lakes Watershed – Municipal Officials February meeting information
6. TimberCrier Magazine – Winter 2019 Issue
7. Grafton County Conservation District – 2019 Plant Order Form

**OLD ITEMS:**

1. Monitoring reports –What ones are still left?
  - a. Ben still needs to do his
2. Wetland Regulations update
  - a. Nothing is new
3. Spring tasks on properties
  - a. The Commission will hold an open house on March 16th
4. Northern Pass
  - a. The Governor appoints new people that helps keep this issue alive
5. Friends of Pemigewasset—Livermore Falls
  - a. The meeting on 2/13/19 was cancelled

**NEW ITEMS:**

1. Chris Buckley and Larry have been working on the area behind the PSU Ice Arena. They want to get a meeting together to include PSU, Holderness School and the Irving Gas Station administrators to make that property into a conservation easement. They are exploring grant money from the NH Association of Conservation Commissions to do trail work, signage, etc.
2. Jenny has contacted the Squam Lakes Association about doing trail maintenance on the two properties (Howe Town Forest and Pilote Forest). She has written a memorandum of understanding that we can discuss and approve.
  - a. Motion to approve the MOU (3-0-0-4)
  - b. Linda will give it to Michael to be reviewed by Counsel.

3. Notice from the Planning Board about a meeting to discuss adopting the FEMA Flood Plain maps for the Interval area.
  - a. Linda will let the Commission know when the meetings occur.
4. Informal chat with the field biologist from Forrest Bell Associates about work on the NRIs.
  - a. Larry arranged a Skype meeting with Kevin and Amanda from FB Environmental to discuss the NRI timeline. They will visit the properties 3 times (spring, summer and fall). The money to pay for the visits will be voted on at Town Meeting in March and will be released assuming that the warrant article passes. Larry explained to them how the town got the properties, their location, the trail system, and what the properties are like. He will send them trail maps. Larry will send the foresting/harvest report to Kevin. They will let us know when they are coming.
5. This was Jenny's last meeting. She was thanked for her service.

#### **Up Coming Meetings**

1. NH Watershed Conference—PSU, March 29<sup>th</sup>
2. Saving Special Places, Prospect Mountain High School, Alton-- April 06, 2019—

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 5:00.