

# Conservation Commission Minutes 11/13/18

## TOWN OF HOLDERNESS CONSERVATION COMMISSION Regular Meeting Minutes November 13, 2018

**Members Present:** Larry Spencer, Chairman; Anne Packard; Jenny Evans; Shelagh Connelly, Ex-Officio

**Members Not Present:** Jacquelyn Jewell; Ben Amsden

**Guests:** Ashley Deruvo from Plymouth Regional High School (attending for a Civics class); Nick Deruvo

**Present:** Linda Levy, Landuse Assistant

**Order:** L. Spencer called the meeting to order at 4:06pm. A quorum was present.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:** The Commission approved the minutes of the October 9, 2018 meeting.

### MAIL CHECK:

- Bill from NHACC membership.
- Motion to pay membership dues (maker: A. Packard/second: J. Evans)

Approved: 4-0-0-2

- LRCC bulletin was circulated.
- J. Evans resignation after February meeting (will need a replacement).
- NH Timber Owner Association Fund – asking for donation. The Commission agreed to just pay the dues
- NH Timber Owner Association – we are due to reinspection. L. Spencer will contact them.
- NH Timber Owner Association – call for awards.

### ITEMS:

- Status of Northern Pass—NH Supreme Court has not ruled yet as to what will happen with respect to the petition, also they're having problems in Maine similar to those in NH. S. Connelly: suggested the Commission reaffirm the Town's position on the Northern Pass by circulating a petition to residents. Need 25 signatures.
- Status of Pilote Open House. The Open House went well, 8 people attended even with very bad weather. J. Evans took pictures. Will write a draft article for the newspaper. She will mail it out to all for input, then send to L. Levy, who will send it to the Record Enterprise.
- L. Spencer will try to get topographical maps for the forest for people to use.

- Need to supply bags for dog excrements (or ask people to bring their own).
- Need to do trail maintenance, there is a tree down. L. Spencer will connect with Americorps to see if they could help.
- Trails are marked well.
- Monitoring reports (Please get these done before the end of November). When you have completed them please pass on to Linda, so she can send them to the rest of the members of the commission for their viewing.
- Status of the RFPs for Howe Forest and the Pilote Forest
- What's up with the contracts?
- Need to set up criteria to select RFP.
- A sub-committee was formed (L. Spencer and A. Packard) to choose the RFP and to pass the recommendation on to the Select Board.
- Responses of the Planning Board to our suggestions for the Natural Resources chapter? The Planning Board never got the copy from L. Spencer. L. Levy will ask Bob when it should be on the agenda.
- Mowing of the field in the Pilote Forest.
- Meeting with June Hammond Rowan's class. There was a picture in the Record Enterprise. L. Spencer met with the class at the forest.
- Outcomes at the NHACC meeting. The keynote address shared research comparing Thoreau's journals on plants and birds; found that there were changes in blooming and seeding trends in the plants, but no changes with the birds. L. Spencer is now on the Board.

#### **NEW ITEMS:**

- I've talked with Barbara Richter (Executive Director of the NH Association of Conservation Commissions) about her attending a meeting of the area CCs. I'm think of the second or third week of November. What are the thoughts of the Commissioners as to what night? June Hammond Rowan, head honcho of the PSU Center for the Environment, would also like to meet with the regional CCs to explain what's up at the college with respect to the Center for the Environment. Perhaps this should be postponed until after the 1st of the year. L. Spencer will try to hold the meeting in January or February.
- 2019 Budget submission to the Budget Committee.
- Increases in the budget will reflect increase pricing in mowing, legal fees needed for Conservation Easement.
- Motion to increase the budget (maker A. Packard/second J. Evans)

Approved 4-0-0-2

- Wetlands permit on Bennet Cove. The permit was approved to rebuild the foundation on an existing boathouse.
- Howe Forest

- Road agent has not yet stopped putting dirt at the edge of the forest. It is causing erosion. L. Spencer will talk with him again.
- NH Municipal Conservation Commission Handbook needs to be sent to B. Amsden as all new members get a copy. L. Levy will send.

**Up Coming Meetings**

- Next CC meeting is December 11. A. Packard will chair as L. Spencer will be away.
- There will be a meeting in early December regarding NH Wetlands Regulations.
- There will not be a January meeting; February 12<sup>th</sup> will be the first meeting in 2019.
- April—Saving Special Places

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Levy  
Landuse Assistant