

**TOWN OF HOLDERNESS
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Tuesday, April 9, 2019
Minutes

Members Present: Anne Packard, Shelagh Connelly, Ben Amsden, Brian Gagnon

Members Not Present: Larry Spencer, Chairman; Jacquelyn Jewell, Woodie Laverack

Staff Present: Linda Levy, Land Use Assistant

Guests: Roger Larochelle and Frank Stevens (from the Lakes Region Conservation Society)

Call to Order: Anne Packard called the meeting to order at 4:00.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Commission approved the minutes of the March 12, 2019 meeting.

MAIL CHECK:

1. NH Timber Owners Assoc – May 3-4 Spring meeting schedule
2. Grafton County Conservation District – Spring workshop flyer
3. Lakes Region Conservation Trust – Spring 2019 “The Legacy” Issue
4. Received signed Memo of Understanding between CC and SLA/Americorps

OLD ITEMS:

1. Monitoring reports –What ones are still left?
 - a. Anne submitted her report on the Howe Forest
 - b. Shelagh and Ben will do the Chabot property when the snow melts
 - c. The Commission updated the spreadsheet that lists each property, the inspection date and the inspector

Property	Inspection Date	Inspector
Chabot	12/15	Shelagh Connelly
Crawford	12/18	Larry Spencer
Howe (Town Forest)	11/18	Anne Packard
Morrell	10/17	Larry Spencer
Pilote	10/17	Anne Packard
Smith-Sargent	9/14	Brian Gagnon
Swainey Brook	10/18	Ben Amsden
White Oak Pond	2/17	Jackie Jewell
SPNHF/Twombly	6/17	Connie Colton from SPNHF
updated 4.19		

2. Wetland Regulations update (no update)
3. Spring tasks on properties
 - a. Add more signs
 - b. Clean up the Pilote and Howe properties with Americorps
4. Northern Pass
 - a. The Town passed a resolution in opposition to the Northern Pass
5. Open house on the Pilote and Howe Forests on the 16th of March
 - a. Roger and Anne went out before the open house. The Fire Department had been out with their 4-wheeler to open the trails (the rig was too wide to get over the bridges). No one came to Pilote, 2 individuals visited Howe.
 - b. Suggestions to encourage more people to attend:
 - i. Hold Open Houses twice a year, always on the same weekend
 - ii. Work with the SLA – when their trails close announce the that Holderness trails are open
6. Work on an easement for the Ox Bow area (no update)

NEW ITEMS:

1. Monitoring reports for 2019 – see Old Items 1.c.
2. Initial reports from FB Associates on their first visit to the properties. Larry will forward their report.
3. Meeting with Roger Larochelle on Mt. Prospect.
 - a. Information was shared about a number of conservation properties in Holderness.
 - b. The Society will work with M. Capone to find out how and when the town got the Howe property so that they will be able to determine who can grant the easement. They need a copy of the forest management plan. Linda will send Roger electronic copies of Howe Forest information as part of the search.
 - c. Regarding Mt. Prospect, Roger shared that the Pulsifer property (120 acres) has the Burnham Carriage Trail through it that goes up to Mt. Prospect. The Society would like to hold an ownership interest to help protect the forest. Trail work needs to be done to make the Mt. Prospect trails more easily accessible.
 - d. Roger mentioned that the Society wants to work with Alex Ray who owns property next to the Pilote Forest, in hopes of adding more property to Pilote.
4. No other items were needed

Up Coming Meetings

1. Water supply conference in May at the Grappone Center in Concord

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 5:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Levy
Land Use Board Assistant