

TOWN OF HOLDERNESS
Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes November 10, 2020

L. Spencer called the meeting held via Zoom to order at 4:04PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Members Present:

Larry Spencer, Chairman Bill Nesheim Ben Amsden Anne Packard, Vice Chair

Members Not Present:

April Sargent Shelagh Connelly Brian Gagnon Woodie Laverack, Ex-Officio

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of October 13, 2020 were approved with the amendment of changing “barley” to “barely”.
The minutes of October 27, 2020 were approved as presented.

MAIL CHECK: None

OLD ITEMS:

Survey of the Howe Town Forest:

L. Spencer stated the RFP will ask for a survey of the Town Forest (Howe) 50acre parcel identified as Tax Map 222-015-000.

L. Spencer stated the survey will include the perimeter of the whole parcel and the perimeter of the 5acre parcel the Holderness Department of Public Works is on.

L. Spencer suggested the Conservation Commission clarify with the Board of Selectmen whether the CC or the BOS send out the RFP.

L. Spencer asked for input regarding a list of Licensed Land Surveyors to send the RFP to.

N. Decoteau she can compile a list of Licensed Land Surveyors who have recently submitted plans to the Holderness Planning Board.

Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant

L. Spencer stated he emailed the final application and budget for the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant that has been submitted.

L. Spencer stated the decision on the grant application will be made sometime this Spring.

Monitoring Reports:

B. Amsden reported that he, S. Connelly and A. Sargent completed the monitoring reports for Swainey Brook and Chabot properties.

B. Nesheim stated he would be interested in completing the monitoring report for the White Oak Pond property.

Japanese Knotweed project:

L. Spencer stated the information from A. Sargent regarding the NH DOT and the information from W. Laverack regarding how the Board of Selectmen want to deal with the Knotweed at the Transfer Station will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Trail maintenance on Howe and Pilote Forests:

B. Nesheim stated that he will follow up with the SLA regarding the MOU for trail maintenance.

NEW ITEMS:

Signed permits –October:

L. Spencer stated he was informed today that a permit has been submitted for review/signature.

NHACC Meeting:

B. Nesheim stated he attended the virtual meeting and that the speakers/materials were good.

L. Spencer stated the sessions can still be viewed for a fee of \$20.00.

The members discussed the value in being notified when a building permit is submitted for properties with wetlands so the Conservation Commission can encourage best practices for development near wetlands.

Conservation Matters Column:

L. Spencer stated A. Packard has volunteered to write a column for the Record Enterprise.

Budget for 2021:

MOTION: “To request funding for the FY 21/22 Conservation Commission budget at the same level as FY20/21.”

Motion: B. Amsden

Second: B. Nesheim

Discussion: The request to fund the Conservation Commission Capital Reserve account also remains at last year’s amount of \$5,000.00.

Motion Passes: 4 – YES 0 – NO 4 - Absent

NRIs Howe Town and Pilote Forests – final steps:

L. Spencer stated funding for a guided walk by FB Associates was included in the NRI and that perhaps the walk can be scheduled for the Spring/Summer of 2021.

Other items as needed:

MOTION: “To pay the NH Association of Conservation Commissions 2021 dues.”

Motion: B. Amsden

Second: B. Nesheim

Discussion: None

Motion Passes: 4 – YES 0 – NO 4 - Absent

UP-COMING MEETINGS:

L. Spencer stated the next meeting is Tuesday, December 8, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Decoteau, Land Use Boards Assistant