

TOWN OF HOLDERNESS
Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes: September 8, 2020

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

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Members Present:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 9, 2020

MOTION: "To approve the minutes of June 9, 2020 as presented."

Motion: B. Amsden

Second: L. Spencer

Discussion: None

Motion Passes: 7-yes 0-no 0-abstention 3-absent

OLD ITEMS:

Bench on Howe Town Forest Property

B. Amsden stated the bench is in place and that the ground could use some leveling out around the bench.

Possibility of FB Environmental doing a Science Pub in November

L. Spencer stated the Science Pub's are on hold for now and that he will speak to Audrey Eisenhower regarding when they will start up again.

Change in the wetland's legend on the town assessment website

L. Spencer checked the website and the layers are still not corrected.

L. Spencer will follow up to see if/when the wetlands mapping will be updated on the website.

Survey of the Howe Town Forest

L. Spencer stated he did not have the RFP ready to go out yet but expects to have it ready this fall.

MAIL CHECK:

1. Kevin Frank letter re Planning Board Case#20-9-9 Young Family Trust BLA & Subdivision
2. Supply Lines: Newsletter NHDES Drinking Water/Ground Water
3. Grafton County Conservation District July 2020

NEW ITEMS:

Signed permits from the summer:

Permits/Applications:

1. 101-041-000 Frederick Brown 44 Wachusett Road
Notification of Routine Roadway Maintenance/Culvert Replacement
2. 102-061-000 Perkins Cabins 16 Perkins Lane
Wetlands & Non-site Specific Permit 2019-03618 Repair 2215 ft of existing stone retaining wall.
3. 231-018-000 Keith Flaherty & Maria Kautzky 8 Dailey Road
Shoreland Permit Application Demo existing house & shed. Build new home in existing footprint. New boat storage area.

4. 235-009-000 Bluebird Realty Trust 71 Finisterre Road
Shoreland Impact Permit 2020-01640 Replace existing house & shed. New septic and well.
5. 235-013-000 Bluebird Realty Trust 42 Finisterre Road
Shoreland Impact Permit 2020-01641 Install new leach field, 48 sq. ft. generator pad, trench gas lines
6. 236 lots 5 & 94 Dana Conneally 79 NH RT 113
Shoreland Impact Permit 2020-00742 Attached garage/porch. Expand driveway. Reconstruct patio.
7. 236-042-000 Andrew & Gale Tureff 60 Mountain Ivy Lane
Shoreland Impact Permit 2020-01559 Addition, new foundations for house, garage & Shed, new septic
8. 246-004-000 M. Schacter, B. Gampel 58 White Oak Pond Road
Expedited Minimum Impact Wetlands Permit Application: 6' wide Steps into lake, stabilize bank
9. 247-037-000 Tara Morley Trust 36 Kaplan Road
Shoreland Impact Permit 2020-01388 Demo portion of existing home, construct addition, foundation addition, screen porch, decks, expand roof over entry, stone walkway, stone steps & retaining wall, fire pit and patio

Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant:

- L. Spencer stated there is an effort to set aside the Oxbow area as a conservation area and he has been working together with the Chairperson of the Plymouth Conservation Commission.
- L. Spencer stated he received notice from the administrative director of the White Mountain Trail Collaborative that it may be possible to obtain a land and water conservation fund grant.
- L. Spencer summarized the following points regarding the grant program:
- The State representative from the Land and Water Conservation Grant Fund visited the Oxbow site and stated that it may qualify for grant funding.
 - The main objective of the grant program is to provide access to properties that offer outside activities such as hiking, snowshoeing, bird watching and cross-country skiing.
 - The program includes setting the property aside in perpetuity to continue providing access
 - It is a matching grant
 - The maximum amount to apply for is \$400,000
 - Matching funds would bring the total funding to \$800,000
 - The Conservation Commission is an acceptable applicant for the funding
 - Both Plymouth and Holderness would work together on the project
 - The grant application is due at the end of October 2020
- L. Spencer stated it is his goal to have the approval/disapproval vote on Conservation Commission agenda prior to the end of October.
- L. Spencer suggested the members of the Holderness Conservation Commission attend the Zoom meeting of the Plymouth Conservation Commission at 7:30pm on Tuesday, September 15, 2020.
- S. Connelly asked if the grant program works in unison with the mountain biking group that has put some work into the Oxbow property.
- L. Spencer stated that a memorandum of understanding could be considered to be put in place with the mountain biking group and the snowmobile clubs.
- B. Nesheim asked if the Commission members can assist in the process.
- L. Spencer stated he will keep the members informed of opportunities to help.

S. Connelly stated care should be taken to stay true to the mission of the Conservation Commission with regard to allowing/disallowing the use of bikes on conservation trails.

L. Spencer stated that specific trails can be designated for use by bikes and/or snowmobiles.

B. Amsden stated that it may be wise to consider designating where mountain bikes, snowmobiles and e-bikes are allowed and/or restricted.

Monitoring Reports:

L. Spencer encouraged members to complete the monitoring reports.

B. Nesheim stated he completed the monitoring report for the Smith-Sargent Property and that it looks like the beavers may be back as the lower dam looks like it is well maintained.

Japanese Knotweed Project:

L. Spencer noted that he sent out a map of the town roads so that members can log where the plant is evident.

Young Property Boundary Line Adjustment & Subdivision / Planning Board Sept 15:

L. Spencer stated there is concern regarding the subdivision creating a new lot that would require crossing a wetland area to access the waterfront and larger acreage of the parcel.

L. Spencer stated he would send a memo to the Planning Board regarding the wetlands concerns.

Other items as needed: None

UP-COMING MEETINGS:

NHACC Annual Meeting- Virtual Meeting, details available in October

Next Conservation Commission meeting October 13, 2020

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Decoteau, Land Use Boards Assistant