

**TOWN OF HOLDERNESS**  
**Conservation Commission**  
Meeting Minutes October 27, 2020

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

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

<u>Members Present:</u>	Larry Spencer, Chairman	Bill Nesheim	Ben Amsden
	Anne Packard, Vice Chair	April Sargent	Woodie Laverack, Ex-Officio

<u>Members Not Present:</u>	Shelagh Connelly	Brian Gagnon
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**MOTION:" The Holderness Conservation Commission supports the Land and Water Conservation Fund grant proposal being submitted by Larry Spencer of the Holderness Commission, Lisa Doner of the Plymouth Conservation Commission and Melanie Luce of the White Mountain Trail Collective. In addition, the Commission agrees to commit up to \$110,000 from the town's conservation fund in support of the grant's effort to purchase property."**

Motion: B. Nesheim

Second: B. Amsden

Discussion:

The following comments were made regarding the Grant application:

- A collective effort with the Plymouth Conservation and the White Mountain Trail Collective
- A number of parcels are located in the unique Oxbow area that are currently under private ownership and not being managed for Public use and recreation at all.
- The site offers a unique geographic configuration as it has the ponds, riverine forest, and wetlands in an area located within the boundary of three Towns.
- The intent is uniformity in the management of the parcels
- A management policy can be developed to provide a safe environment for public access to the area and offer a variety of outside activity uses.
- An oversight committee can provide direction/input to the details of a management policy
- Some of the current property owners have expressed positive interest in the project
- It is important to move forward on the project prior to development on the land by the current individual property owners,
- Many people in the area already use the area for outdoor recreation.
- It is located in an area that people can walk to and is a short drive for neighboring communities

Motion Passes: 6-YES 0-NO 0-Abstain 2- Not present (S. Connelly B. Gagnon )

L. Spencer noted the Plymouth Conservation Commission has also set forth the same motion.

L. Spencer noted Pemi River Local Advisory Committee is meeting today to consider the project.

L. Spencer stated the Holderness Board of Selectmen support the project.

L. Spencer stated other local groups will be submitting a letter of support for the project.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Decoteau, Land Use Boards Assistant