

# Conservation Commission Minutes 05/08/18

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## TOWN OF HOLDERNESS CONSERVATION COMMISSION Regular Meeting Minutes May 8, 2018

Members Present: Larry Spencer, Anne Packard, Ben Amsden and Shelagh Connelly

Members not present: Brian Gagnon, Jacquelyn Jewell, Jenny Evans

Staff Present: Michael Capone, Town Administrator

### CALL TO ORDER:

L. Spencer called the meeting to order at 4:04PM. A quorum was present.

Larry deferred the other agenda items to allow our guests, Roger LaRochelle and Peter Helm from the Squam Lakes Conservation Society (SLCS) to provide the Commission with an update on some of the work they are doing in the area.

Roger and Peter thanked the Committee for affording them the opportunity to report on their activity. They presented a new map that details their current easements and protections. They are particularly interested in protecting Mount Prospect as well as some of the remaining unprotected areas around the Lake.

They discussed some of the areas along Route 113 including the Stanley Preserve. They also reviewed the East Trail area. They are active in those areas.

There was discussion with Committee members with regard to trail development including the areas around Livermore Falls and Route 175.

The goal of their conservation work is to protect land from development, but also to maintain water quality within the Watershed area.

Peter mentioned that the SLCS will have the services of two AmeriCorps volunteers to assist with boundary line and easement work.

**The Ox-Bow project** – Larry mentioned that he is working with Irving to get a permanent barrier in place to limit illegal access. Larry is organizing a meeting of Stakeholders on June 9th to tour the property with an eye towards a Conservation easement. He asked Roger and Peter if they might be able to attend.

The Committee thanked Roger and Peter for the update.

**Natural Resource Chapter** – Michael reported that the sub-committee hoped to have a draft ready for review by the Commission at the end of May.

**Approval of Minutes:** The Committee approved the minutes of the April 10, 2018 meeting

**MAIL CHECK:**

Larry reviewed the following items in the mail folder:

1. NHTOA Annual Meeting Notice.
2. Spring 2018 issue of Timber Crier Magazine.

**OLD ITEMS:**

1. **Status of Northern Pass** – Still waiting on the appeal.
2. **Status of trail work in Pilote Forest** – work has been delayed due to manpower issues.
3. **Monitoring reports** – Larry commented that folks should be out working on their assigned properties.
4. **Wetlands Regulations**- Larry distributed materials via email for review.

**Town wide Cleanup for Earth Day** – collected information from members on the work done by the Elks and a group that worked down by the Irving station. Will check in with Jenny to see how much was collected town wide.

**ITEMS:**

1. **Visitor Desk at Livermore Falls Park** – Larry reminded the Commissioners that there are still opportunities available to volunteer to staff the visitor desk at Livermore Falls from July 1 thru Labor Day.
2. **Work on RFP's for Howe Forest and Pilote Forest** – Larry mentioned that this was still in process.
3. **4<sup>th</sup> Grade Water Conference** - Larry described a project he worked on with students to measure cubic feet of water flow in the Pemi.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

1. Drinking Water Source Protection Conference – May 17 at the Grappone Center in Concord.
3. The next Commission meeting –June 12, 2018 at 4PM.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Ben mentioned that his teaching schedule change in the Fall will prevent him from making the 4 PM Meetings. The Committee will discuss other possible meeting times at the June Meeting.

Larry mentioned that he will be out of Town from May 25 to June 6. He will also be gone from June 13 to July 11. If items come in that need to be reviewed, contact Anne.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

L. Spencer adjourned the meeting at 4:59 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael R. Capone  
Town Administrator