

Conservation Commission Minutes 09/10/18

TOWN OF HOLDERNESS CONSERVATION COMMISSION Regular Meeting Minutes September 10, 2018

Members Present: Larry Spencer, Jacquelyn Jewell, Ben Amsden, Jenny Evans and Shelagh Connelly

Members not present: Anne Packard

Present: Michael Capone, Town Administrator

Order: L. Spencer called the meeting to order at 4:01PM. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes: The Committee approved the minutes of the June 12, 2018 as amended with some minor grammatical corrections.

Mail Check: Larry went through the mail which included a list of training classes from NHTOA, information on the Eversource appeal of the SEC decision and 2 Newsletters from NHDES

Items:

- Introduction of new Planning Staff person- Linda Levy has joined the office staff in a support role for the Planning and Zoning Boards as well as the Conservation Commission. She will be available for the October meeting.
- Status of Northern Pass – Eversource has filed an appeal of the SEC decision with the New Hampshire Supreme Court.
- Status of trail work on the Pilote Forest – Larry has sent an email to Tom Hahn for an update on the work.
- Monitoring reports – Larry asked that the Commissioners work on their reports
- The Visitor Desk at the Livermore Falls Park- both Larry and Shelagh had worked at the desk this Summer and noted that the Park was very busy.
- Summer projects on the conservation properties- Larry has not had an opportunity to work on the project list as of yet.
- Status of the RFPs for Howe Forest and the Pilote Forest- the RFP's have been prepared and are being advertised on Regional, State and Local Agency websites. The deadline for submissions is October 1, 2018.

ITEMS:

- Checking Account- Larry mentioned that Tink Taylor might have some information on the history of the currently inactive checking account. The Board discussed possible uses for the remaining funds (\$1,139.76) to offset budgeted expenses.
- Discussion and recommendations of the Holderness Master Plan Natural Resources chapter – The Commissioners reviewed the draft Natural Resources Chapter of the Master Plan and

marked up a copy for submission to the sub-committee that prepared the document. They also submitted a list of recommendations for consideration by the sub-committee.

- Meetings for the Fall of 2018-October 9, November 13 and December 11.
- Larry mentioned that the elm planted at the Central School has Dutch elm disease and will need to be removed. He is looking into replacing it in the Spring with a Princeton Elm, which is more resistant to the disease.
- Shelagh asked if the Commissioners would contact their State Representatives and ask them to vote to override the Governor's veto of SB365 and SB446.

Up Coming Meetings

- October 9, 2018- Larry will not be present. Anne will Chair.
- NHACC—5th of November 2018

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:06PM.

Respectfully submitted

Michael R. Capone
Town Administrator