

**TOWN OF HOLDERNESS
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Tuesday, 05 November 2019

4:00 P.M.

Minutes

Members Present:

Larry Spencer, Chairman, Ben Amsden, Shelagh Connelly

Members Not Present: Jacquelyn Jewell, Brian Gagnon, Anne Packard, Woodie Laverack, Ex Officio

Staff Present: Linda Levy, Land Use Boards Assistant

Call to Order: Larry Spencer called the meeting to order at 4:03pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Commission approved the minutes of October 8, 2019
Approved as distributed

MAIL CHECK:

1. NHTOA Annual Fund request
2. NH Association of Conservation Commissions – *Trails for People and Wildlife* Handbook
3. Wetland Permits
 - a. Tureff – new dock

OLD ITEMS:

1. Fall tasks on properties
 - a. Larry asked Ben to talk with Brian to see if they could bring the bench to the Howe Forest and the put up the tree farm sign at the Pilote Forest
 - b. There are also some trees that came down in both forests that need to be sawed up and moved
 - c. Ben will ask Brian to cut the trees down
 - d. The Commission asked the Town Administrator to address the encroachment on the lower portion of the Town Farm Rd. to ensure safe trails for walkers.
 - e. Larry redid the Pilote Forest map with dashes, dots, etc. and trail names to help people that are colorblind understand the trail system
2. Monitoring reports for 2019
 - a. Larry did the Pemi Riverside Park, there is a cherry tree down that needs to be cut down
 - b. White Oak Pond and Sargent Smith have not been done
 - c. Ben and Shelagh did Chabot – no issues, there was some old bark mulch
3. NHDES application for waterfront property work (I signed off on this proposal)
4. Contact with SLA concerning Americorp trail work (see #1 above)
5. DDT in Squam Lake--recent report by Amanda May

NEW ITEMS:

1. Contact with Frank Yerkes
 - a. Larry will contact him in December re: DPW survey
 - b. A warrant article is needed to request the money (has to be submitted no later than January)

2. Mowing of the open area in the Pilote Forest
 - a. Larry contacted the person who mows and said that he will mow it before winter
 - b. Cost is \$500 – we have it in our budget
3. Invasive species in town
4. Report on the NHACC Annual Conference
 - a. Larry attended the conference (he is on the Board)
 - b. There were sessions on a natural resources and management plans
 - c. There were 4 panelists (instead of a keynote address) on Nature's Economy
5. Report on the NRI work on the two properties
 - a. Amanda took fall photos of the Pilote Forest
 - b. We have a summer report (saw a black bear, fox and various scat; no vernal pools)
 - c. They will do a presentation like the Pub series at Walter's Basin
6. Budget for 2020-21
 - a. Larry reviewed the monies left in the 19-20 budget.
 - b. Motion: To submit the same budget for 20-21.
 - Motion: S. Connelly
 - Second: B. Amsden
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion passed: 3-0-0-3
 - c. The Commission will be given \$5000 because there has not been any Current Use Penalty Tax.
7. Livermore Falls
 - a. No one has been hired to replace Ben Wilson, who was in charge. The Holderness side is in good shape, but the Campton/Plymouth side is not in good shape.
8. Larry will work in the spring on the proposal for the property on Rt. 175A.
9. Larry talked with the folks at the Holderness Central School about replanting a tree to replace the Elm tree that was cut down.
10. Shelagh talked with Kevin about the signs for the Pilote and Howe Forest. He is going to talk with the State.

UP-COMING MEETINGS: December 10, 2019 (meeting cancelled); January 14, 2020 is next meeting

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:56pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Levy
Landuse Assistant