Conservation Commission Minutes

May 9, 2022

Public Hearing: Chair Sam Demeritt opened the Public Meeting and Public Hearing at 7:00 PM. Other Commission members in attendance were Mary Colvard, Susan Mooney, Cheryl Smith, and Debra Kimball.

Guests for the Hearing were Raelene Shippee-Rice, alternate, who attended as a resident, not as a Commission member, Select Board Chair Donna Danis, residents Gina and Chris Frink, Deb Stevens, Pamela D. Kelly, Celia Abrams, and Bonnie Winona. Additional guests who remained for the Meeting were, Holly Zickle, Martha Chase, Raelene Shippee-Rice, Amanda Cafasso and Tom Howard.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

NOTE: The proceedings of the Hearing are contained in the document titled *Notice of Public Decision* which summarized the Hearing of 5-9-22, continued to 5-23-22 by a motion from Mooney, seconded by Smith, with five (5) votes in the affirmative. The Hearing was suspended at 7:40 PM.

At the Continuance held on 5-23-22, along with four (4) Select Board members present, were Demeritt, Mooney, Smith and Colvard; guests were residents Steve Soreff, Denyse Shanahan, Nancy Botte, Vicki Conners, Robin Comeau, Carol Stoddard, Cam Stoddard, Amanda Cafasso, Cori Caputo, and Peter Leavenworth. Demeritt continued the Hearing at 7:05 PM and closed the Hearing at 7:12 PM. The Notice of Public Decision was approved as minutes at the Commission meeting of 6-13-22, to be posted as minutes on the Commission's web page on the Town's web site.

Public Meeting: Following the vote at 7:40 PM to continue the Hearing at a later date and time, the Commission resumed the Public Meeting.

VRAP Testing Schedule: Amanda Cafasso asked members if they wished to be placed on the river water quality schedule for this summer. Several dates were chosen and the schedule will be completed in the near future.

Ms. Cafasso left the meeting.

Conservation Easements (CE): Mr. Tom Howard, NH Conservation Real Estate, is representing the real estate interests of the John Terninko Trust, Meriam Terninko Trustee. The trust owns four CE parcels.

Kimball gave a synopsis of the history of the lot, provided by Celia Abrams, neighbor and Co-Chair of the Trails Committee, including when purchased, when cleared for New England Cottontail habitat, the trail system open to the public, etc.

Mr. Howard asked if the Commission had any present projects and was told that there was none. He asked if the town was interested in purchasing the fee interest in said property and was told that the town was not interested. The property was already in a CE and that the trail system was open to the public by the CE language.

Mr. Howard indicated that he was extending this offer to the town at the behest of the trustee prior to finalizing the private sale to the prospective buyer.

Mr. Howard and Ms. Zickle left at 8:20 PM; Ms. Chase left at 8:25 PM.

Announcements: There will be a "Ribbons of Green" celebration at the Northwoods Brewery on May 21, 4 - 6 PM; Bear-Paw member Mark West will lead a children's vernal pool walk at the Kennard Forest on May 2, 9 AM. Demeritt and Celia Abrams will monitor the parking for attendees on the adjacent property.

Bear-Paw Regional Greenways: There will be an Isinglass River Group Walk lead by Phil Auger on 8-20-22, time TBD.

Correspondence:

- Dated 4-12-22; from DES to Elizabeth and Michael Cross, File # 2022-00890 that their application for a Shoreline Permit for Map 63, Lot 24 along Barderry Lane was received.
- Dated 4-13-22, from DES to Frederick Geno, Geno Construction, File # 2022-00957, that the Shoreline Permit for Map 39, Lot 5-1 along McCrillis Road was received.
- Dated 4-13-22, from Landrey Surveying, LLC, re: Map 39, Lot 5-1 to the Commission, a notice that abutters have been notified.
- Date not noted, from Joseph Foley, Chair, Lamprey River Advisory Committee (LRAC) re: Map 39, Lot 5-1 to Mr. Peter Conti, File #2022-00957, correspondence that included five (5) points including "proposed driveway" is "prematurely under way"; that the parcel is located along protected shoreland (North River); a culvert was installed which was not included in the proposed plans; and that this is an area of wood turtle protection. Mooney will bring this information to the town's building inspector/ code enforcer.
- Dated 4-22-22, from S & H Land Services to the Town of Nottingham, for property identified as Map 68, Lot 31 at 69 Shore Drive, re: Shoreland Permit Application from Robert Degan of Hookset, NH. This application replaces the previous one submitted.
- Daye3d 4-28-22, from DES to Peter Wawrzonek and Carol Hooper-Wawrzonek, File # 2022-01162, that their Shoreland Permit Application for Map 68, Lot 31, 69 Shore Drive was received.

Minutes: The minutes for April 11, 2022, were reviewed and corrected. It was moved by Kimball and seconded by Colvard to accept the minutes of April 11, 2022, as amended. All five (5) votes were in favor.

Reimbursements:

It was moved by Smith and seconded by Kimball to reimburse Celia Abrams \$31.68 for a parking sign for Kennard Forest. All five (5) votes were in favor.

It was moved by Mooney and seconded by Colvard to reimburse Kimball \$52.68 for lumber to construct Aldo Leopold benches to be placed along public trails. All five (5) votes were in favor. Noted was that the Commission has spent \$1113.61 out of the 2022 budget of \$1995, \$876 remaining.

Other: Discussed was the success of "Big Night". There were three (3) significant events, sponsored by Dallas Huggins, Commission member. Signage were posted at nine (9) locations

and on the lawn at Blaisdell Memorial Library. Two signs were stolen and police were notified. There was no theft at the last event.

In recognition of Earth Day, April 22, Smith picked up trash along Freeman Hall Road at Kimball Family Forest, where there are significant wetlands on both sides of the road. Mooney proposed to draft a letter to the Select Board re: the trash that is scattered in the North River wetland system at the recycling plant site.

Adjournment: It was moved by Mooney and seconded by Smith to adjourn. All five (5) votes were in favor, The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM. (Is this the correct time?)

Respectfully submitted,

Susan P. Mooney, Secretary

These minutes were accepted as corrected at the meeting held on June 13, 2022.