

## WRITTEN DECISION OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Conservation Commission held a public hearing per RSA 36-A:5 II on May 16, 2016 at 7:00 PM in Conference Room #1. The hearing was noticed as is prescribed by RSA.

The subject of the public hearing was to invite comment from the public for the disbursement of \$63,000 dollars from the Conservation Fund for the Harvey Conservation Easement Project. (This dollar amount reflects a per acre share for the 224 acres of the Harvey land that is located in Nottingham. Of the total 1114 acres, the remaining 890 acres is located in Epping.) The expenditure from Nottingham's Conservation Fund will assist SouthEast Land Trust (SELT) to meet the \$1.3 million dollar conservation easement purchase. (The appraisal for the conservation easement was determined to be \$2,780,000 dollars; \$1.3 million dollars is the bargain price agreed on by the Harvey family and SELT.)

Chairperson Sam Demeritt opened the public hearing at 7:02 PM. Five (5) additional members of the Commission were in attendance. Three members of the Board of Selectmen (BOS) were present as was Duane Hyde, SELT Land Conservation Director. The conduct of public hearings are governed by Article X – Rules of Procedure in the *By-Laws and Rules of Procedure for the Transaction of Business* per RSA 676.1, adopted by the Commission on March 9, 2015.

Chair Demeritt explained the purpose of the public hearing for the public and then invited Mr. Hyde to describe the project for the BOS and others in attendance. The primary easement holders will be SELT and NH Fish and Game; Nottingham and Epping will hold Executory interests for the easement portions that are located within their respective towns. He stated that the Commission has voted to support this easement project with a disbursement of \$63,000 from the Town's Conservation Fund.

The members of the BOS and Commission made comments and asked questions. There were no additional comments from the audience.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:17 PM.

The BOS then voted to allow the disbursement of \$63,000 from the Conservation Fund recommended by the Conservation Commission for the Harvey Conservation Easement project.

Submitted by Susan P. Mooney, Commission Secretary

May 19, 2016