



NOTICE OF DECISION OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Conservation Commission held a public hearing per RSA 36-A:5 II at the Nottingham Community Center, 139 Stage Road, Nottingham NH, on February 28, 2022, at 7:00 PM in Conference Room #1.

The hearing was noticed as directed by RSA 675:7. The subject was to invite comment from members of the public and Select Board in consideration of expenditures from the Town's Conservation Fund to contract the services of Ibis Wildlife Consulting.

The project proposal is for the development of two stewardship plans at the request of the Commission acting on the best interests for the Town of Nottingham. Two parcels identified as Map 9 Lot 10 (15+/- acres) and Map 9 Lot 11 (107 acres) are owned in fee by the landowner, John Terninko, and the Town is the primary holder of the conservation easement deeds on these two parcels.

Stewardship plans are working documents that outline best practices for managing easement parcels in order to maintain high conservation values. The property owners and the easement deed holders who are charged with monitoring these protected areas on an annual basis are guided by these plans.

Chair Sam Demeritt opened the hearing at 7:19 PM. Other members in attendance were Debra Kimball, Susan Mooney, and Cheryl Smith. Celia Abrams, former Commission member, a neighbor of Mr. Terninko, and the lead for the annual monitoring of the parcels, was also present.

Demeritt described the proposal for the Select Board and attending residents. He noted that the Commission had approved the expenditure from the Fund for the development of the Plans. The proposal invoice for both plans would be \$4000.

Ms. Abrams explained the purpose and benefits of stewardship plans both for the landowners and the easement holders in perpetuity. As a matter of practice, plans are periodically reviewed and updated as conditions and technologies change.

During this exchange with Commission members and Ms. Abrams, Select Board members asked questions and received clarifications.

Demeritt opened the hearing to the public. There was no comment received.

The hearing was closed at 7:23 PM.

Following, the Select Board unanimously approved the release of \$4000 from the Fund to pay for the development of the two stewardship Plans.

Sam Demeritt, Chair Conservation Commission

These minutes were accepted with a vote of 5 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions at the Commission meeting held on March 14, 2022.