

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Boscawen Municipal Complex**

**Meeting Minutes - Final**  
**Tuesday, January 16, 2018 @ 7:00 PM**

Commissioners Present: Tom Gilmore, Chair, Jeffrey Abbe, Norman LaPierre, and Lyman Cousens

Also present: Alan Hardy, Planning & Community Development Director and Rose Fife, recording secretary.

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**Regular Business**

- Open by Chair at 7:00 pm
- Roll call by Chair
- Review and Acceptance of the Minutes of the December 19, 2017 meeting. A **motion** to accept the December 19, 2017 Minutes was made by Cousens, seconded by LaPierre and passed by a unanimous vote.
- Accountant's Report – The report was unavailable for this evening's meeting. Hardy will email it to the Commission tomorrow. He will send out a report showing all three accounts. Gilmore said the Forest Account should have more money in it as they received a check from HFLC for the timber cut.
- Alan Hardy asked the Commission if they would approve the meeting dates for 2018. A **motion** to approve the meeting dates for 2018 was made by LaPierre, seconded by Abbe and passed by a unanimous vote.

**Old Business:**

- Hardy Easement Update – Gilmore said they had a complication that arose. The mortgage company needs to allow the easement to go through. Hardy is working with his attorney on this issue.
- Town Forest Update – Abbe met with Doug Sigy (spelling). They will revisit their conversations in the Spring. Beth Fenstemacher of the City of Concord's Planning Department called him. Concord submitted their trail plan to Trail Finder and asked if Boscawen wanted to put theirs in at the same time. Abbe told Ms. Fenstemacher that they would. Gilmore asked if the town forest trails were on the town maps. Hardy said not yet, but they do have the data points for that and he can ask for them to be imposed onto the map.
- Town Forest trails sub-committee – Abbe said there is nothing to report.
- Block Building – The roof was taken off. Abbe said if they put another roof on it, it would make a good tool shed. Gilmore said that in the Spring they should decide whether or not to remove the building.
- Easements-Jones, Gilmore – Cousens and Gilmore walked the Jones Easement. The Gilmore one wasn't done, but Gilmore did look at it by doing it with his snowmobile and he filed the proper forms.
- Repaired Road – nothing to report.

### **New Business:**

- OLLI catalogue – Cousens said they now have their catalogue – he passed the booklet around to show the other Commission members. LaPierre said there were some grants listed that may benefit them if they applied. Gilmore asked if anyone looked at the Weir Farm to see what was done there. Abbe said that the foundation walls were exposed and looks good.
- Hardy asked if Joann Cassulo was of help at last month's meeting. The Commission said she was very helpful. Gilmore said that they didn't have Forester Niebling do work on the Creaser lot. They should ask Niebling to do a report for a Spring cut. Hardy said that the Selectmen should be kept informed of their progress. Gilmore said that they have about \$5,000 net from this last logging job. Hardy will pull together the financials to do a presentation to the Selectmen. He will check with the Selectmen to see if they would like Gilmore to come in with him when he presents the report.
- Gilmore asked if they had heard anything about the Walker Pond property. Hardy said they are asking for the Commission to make a proposal. Gilmore suggested an offer of \$20,000 and see what they think. They have that money available. Abbe said that they should let the town know the importance of the Commission having that property. A **motion** to offer \$20,000 for the Walker Pond property (on the same side as the pump house), which is approximately 25 acres, was made by Gilmore, seconded by LaPierre and passed by a unanimous vote.
- Some discussion regarding the rerouting of the snowmobile trails.
- Small Fish & Game Grants. Cousens had sent a memo to the Commission via email. He also sent the Commission a list of what the grant money could be used for. He thought they could do something in the town forest. Abbe said it encourages planting. Hardy asked who was running the program. Cousens said there were several. Regional Headquarters are located in New Hampton, Lancaster, Durham and Keene. Gilmore said they should refer it to Niebling to see what he thinks. Hardy thought that reforestation/replanting would be good. Abbe noted that they have \$1,000 worth of seed to put down in the Spring. Hardy thought that they could showcase their work that was in the Spring when everything has growing back in. Cousens said that if snowmobiles could go in the town forest that may create a problem as it states non-motorized public recreation. Gilmore said the ATV's would create problems, but snowmobiles do not create issues. Cousens will talk with Niebling.

A **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 pm was made by Cousens, seconded by LaPierre and passed by a unanimous vote.

**Next Meeting:** February 20, 2018 at 7pm

*Respectfully Submitted*  
*Rose Fife, Recording Secretary*