

48 would like to screen share with the rest of the commission. Gilmore would like to postpone sharing
49 that to the end of the meeting.

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51 • Discussion Items Town Forest: Abbe reported. There have been some trees blown down across the
52 trail. All of those have been removed in the 5 different locations. Weed whacking has been done
53 around the foundations. They needs John Fife to mow sometime in October around the homestead
54 area and the 5 acre field. The old landfill hasn't grown much. He would like to get the new field
55 mowed to the edges. New trail maps are posted on both the Concord and Boscawen sides in the kiosk.
56 There is a logbook on the Concord side as well. Both mailboxes have new log books.

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58 Naming the new town forest: There is a list of naming conventions. There are several good name
59 suggestions. Gilmore thought Abbe should pick out 3 or 4 and send it around in an email and then
60 introduce those 3 or 4 to the school. Abbe thought they would narrow it down to 5 names for the
61 children to choose from.

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63 Abbe texted Warren Colby today from GMI regarding the trail head and he hasn't heard back from
64 him. He contacts him about every 2 to 3 weeks for an update.

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66 The naming suggestions: After much discussion the following names were chosen:

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68 1. Queen's Way Town Forest
69 2. Knowlton Hill Town Forest
70 3. Boscawen Village Town Forest

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72 Easler and Cherian felt that they shouldn't give the Boscawen Elementary School children more than
73 3 names to choose from. Easler will check to see if those names should go to Kim Kenney or Barbara
74 at the elementary school. She will report back to the commission after she checks into it.

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76 Cousens felt that they should not just send them the names, but also an explanation as to what the
77 significance of the name is. Abbe will come up with an explanation of the significance of those 3
78 names. He asked who it will get sent to. Cherian asked to have it sent to Easler who will coordinate
79 with Boscawen Elementary School. Abbe will take care of that tomorrow.

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81 Conservation Commission Easement monitoring. They can do limited monitoring this year. They
82 need to interview the owners. Cousens was asked to set up a meeting with Mrs. Lola Jones. Gilmore
83 would join him. He will get the paperwork together. He asked Kellee to find the red books and he
84 will stop by to pick them up at the office. He has the forms in there. If anyone wants to interview
85 Gilmore or he can interview himself regarding his easement. They have no official need to do anything
86 with Alan Hardy's easement. It back borders Gilmore's easement.

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88 Cherian asked Easler about the encroachments issues discussed last month. Easler said Web Stout will
89 be doing the surveying this fall and Charlie Niebling will be doing that with him. It will be late fall
90 before they get anything back from Web Stout.

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92 Gilmore asked Kaplan to screen share his list of suggestions he has. Kaplan would like to get a sense
93 as to what the Commission wants to advocate for.

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95 First on his list was 'Protect the high value aquifers'. Gilmore is not sure what they can make for
96 suggestions on this.

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98 'Structure setbacks from wetlands'. Easler gave a short history of the wetland setbacks. A few years
99 ago it was a 100 foot setbacks. They had a wetland scientist look at that and it was found that it was
100 too large of a setback. The recommendation that the Planning Board set a 25 foot setback from
101 wetlands. Kaplan asked how it would be handled if Central NH Planning comes back with a 75 foot
102 setback. How do they make sense of that? Easler referred him to the Planning Board to see if they
103 would like to change that number. Gilmore feels that 25 feet is enough of a setback from the wetlands.
104 Kaplan said maybe he needs to touch base with Central NH Planning before the October meeting.

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106 Kaplan thought that they may want to let the Planning Board know what the Conservation
107 Commission's next step would be as far as looking at land they want to target as conservation. Is this
108 in the purview of the Planning Board? Cherian reported that it is not except if they want to encourage
109 them to put something into the Master Plan to protect infiltration and aquifers. It can be highlighted
110 in the Master Plan. Kaplan feels it should be part of their process.

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112 'Riparian and Wetland Buffers in the ZO'. Gilmore feels this is covered by the second one on the list.
113 Easler noted that they don't do much with wetlands as it's mostly managed by the State of NH. Cherian
114 asked if what they are getting at is that under the shoreline protection act it is a larger buffer but they
115 have development and farming, etc. that are within that setback. Is he looking at targeting those lands?
116 Kaplan thought they may, or should, look at that given what came up in the NRI. Given that the land
117 along the Merrimack River at least is critical land. Are there enough buffers there? Cherian explained
118 that there was a historic attempt to make that part of the Merrimack as a Wild and Scenic River. That
119 didn't go well. It's worth noting that some kind of protection for the Merrimack has been considered
120 and rejected in the past. Easler confirmed with Cherian on the history. Kaplan asked if that was due
121 to it cutting into farmable land. Gilmore reported that the problem was that it would take 150 feet from
122 the river and it would have gotten rid of prime farm land. The farmers are regulated and do a good job
123 of keeping the proper material away from flowing into the river so that shouldn't be a problem. He is
124 on the Upper Merrimack River and they do sampling all the time and the river has no issues with
125 drainage. Cherian thought that it is good to have a discussion but be sure all are heard. Easler thought
126 they should bring John Keagan in from AgCom as he was involved with the public hearing. Cherian
127 thought that maybe an open house to allow people some input would be more welcoming. They may
128 get a better response. Kaplan asked who was responsible for monitoring that. The state? Cherian
129 reported that there is a local advisory committee and each town gets 1 or 2 members appointed by DES
130 and they do a sampling yearly.

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132 Abbe will be out of town Friday and will be back the following Friday.

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134 A **motion** to adjourn was made by Cousens and seconded by Abbe. Roll call vote. AYE: Gilmore,
135 Abbe, Cousens, Kaplan, Cherian and Carrier. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

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137 **Next Meeting: • October 20, 2020.**

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140 *Respectfully submitted,*

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142 *Rose Fife, Recording Secretary*

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ACTIONS from August 18, 2020
Conservation Commission Meeting

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Easler:

1. Check to see who at Boscawen Elementary School will get the names for the new Town Forest for the children to choose from.
2. Get Red Books for Gilmore.

Abbe:

1. Contact John Fife regarding Mowing at the Weir Road Forest.
2. Come up with explanations of the significance of the names being sent to the Elementary School for choosing of the name of the new Town Forest.

Cousins:

1. Set up meeting with Lola Jones.

Kaplan:

1. Touch base with Central NH Planning before the October 2020 meeting.