

49 hunt and it's a good way to involve the town. Kaplan said if they win this, then maybe they can go
50 to the high school and possibly have one of the seniors do their Senior Project on this. Are there
51 people who could write a letter on their behalf to win the grant? Niebling said if they draft a letter
52 for Fish and Game, he would agree to send it in. Niebling said Fish and Game manages the Hurst
53 property which abuts the Town Forest. Kaplan asked for Niebling's input in that letter.
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55 **Old Business:**

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- 57 • Natural Resource Update – Kaplan reported. They have broken down what is in Chapter 8 of the
58 Master Plan. They met with Amanda Stone, State Specialist, Natural Resources and Land
59 Conservation, of UNH Cooperative Extension to see what her perspective was. They should come
60 back at the next meeting with more information. Easler will keep the Planning Chair in the loop.
61 Cousens asked if the Regional Planning Commission would get involved. Easler said that it would
62 eventually go back to Central NH Regional Planning Commission to finalize Chapter 8. Cousens
63 asked who the representatives were for CNHRPC. Rhoda Hardy and Barbara Randall are the
64 representatives. Abbe thought the information in Chapter 8 is very well updated. Easler explained
65 that the updates were approved in December 2018. Kaplan, Abbe and Cherian will be meeting at the
66 town hall on Friday at 3:30 pm.
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68 **New Business:**

69 • Permits and reviews – A bill was received and \$70.00 payment made to NHTOA for their dues.
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71 Discussion regarding the purchase of the Walker Pond property. This subject will be set aside for a
72 while. Cousens doesn't want them to lose sight of it.
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74 Gilmore met last month with the Forest Society and Rob Morrill regarding his property. Mr. Morrill
75 is still thinking in the future he would like to move his barn out to this property. If they go with a
76 NRCS grant, they have a limit of 1% of impervious area and that won't work with what Mr. Morrill
77 wants to do on the property. If he puts his farm out there he would have about 20 acres if impervious
78 surface. They won't make an application until this summer for that. Conservation Commission may
79 want to discuss with Mr. Morrill a different kind of easement. NRCS is Federal. The Commission
80 could do the easement themselves without an NRCS grant if Mr. Morrill would make the contribution
81 himself. The Commission could make an exclusion zone, but they would have to make a new survey
82 etc. Cousens said LChip is also a possibility. Niebling thought it would be a very competitive LChip
83 application. Kaplan asked if they should be proactive and get ahead of it a little bit. Gilmore hasn't
84 thought about looking for the money elsewhere. Forest Society is going to look into getting a waiver
85 on 2% limit from NRCS. Niebling explained that Digit Taylor runs the LChip program. Niebling
86 will email Gilmore their information. Kaplan suggested Five Rivers. Gilmore feels this is an easy
87 property to manage and they could do it themselves.
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89 • **Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair.**

90 Gilmore is willing to serve again as Chair. A **motion** to nominate Gilmore as Chair was made by
91 Abbe, seconded by Kaplan and passed by a unanimous vote.
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93 A **motion** to nominate Abbe as Vice Chair was made by Gilmore, seconded by LaPierre and passed
94 by a unanimous vote.
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96 Abbe felt that they need to do more for public outreach. Gilmore felt they should do another Town
97 Forest day. Cousens suggested another day during Old Home Week.

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99 Abbe asked Easler if they had any feedback from their Minutes going into the News Vine.

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101 Niebling reported. He's going to do the Creaser lot inventory the week of April 16th. He welcomes
102 anyone to join him for any part of the day. There is about 3 days of field work.

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104 A **motion** to adjourn was made by LaPierre, seconded by Kaplan and passed by a unanimous vote.

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106 **Next Meeting:** April 16, 2019 at 7pm.

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108 *Respectfully submitted,*
109 *Rose Fife, Recording Secretary*

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