

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Boscawen Municipal Complex
May 17, 2022
Draft Minutes

Present: Alan Hardy, Chair, Henry Carrier; Aurel Mihai, Lyman Cousens, Norman LaPierre, Betsey McNaughten, and Matthew Burdick

Absent: Jeff Abbe, and Mark Kaplan

Staff Present: Kearsten O'Brien, Deputy Planning and Community Development Director, Public Works Director Dean Hollins, and Fire Chief Kenney

Others: Tim Bernier- Land Surveyor

Regular Business:

- Open by Chair @ 7:00 pm
- Roll Call by Recording Secretary
- Quorum – Hardy, Carrier, Cousens, Mihai
- Accountant's Report – Chair Hardy deferred action on the accountants report to the June 21, 2022 meeting.
- Review Minutes of 04.19.22 – Chair Hardy deferred action on the April Draft Minutes to the June 21, 2022 meeting.

Chair Hardy informed the Conservation Commission members that the Commissioners have an opportunity to hear about applications that are going before the Planning Board that may have environmental impacts. Sometimes, the Planning Board needs a recommendation in very short order. With that in mind, Chair Hardy introduced Tim Bernier with T.F Bernier Land Surveying. Mr. Bernier presented a map of a potential gravel pit for Map 47 Lot 6 off of Daniel Webster Highway owned by Ryan Audley with Audley Construction Company. The entire parcel is 249 acres and the total proposed excavation area is 19 acres. They have requested a state wetlands permit to dredge an existing 3475 square feet vernal pool. The amount of dredging area is small and excavation is already taking place around the vernal pool. Mr. Cousens asked if they have taken material out of the site yet. Mr. Bernier said they have and were approved by the Planning Board last year. Ms. McNaughten asked if the Wetlands Bureau had any concerns. Mr. Bernier said they have not heard back yet from them and the Conservation Commission will receive a copy of permit once it is issued.

Mr. Mihai motioned to allow the Conservation Commission Chair to write a letter to the Planning Board indicating the Conservation Commission's support. Seconded by Mr. LaPierre. All in favor. None opposed.

Chair Hardy asked the Conservation Commission if they would like to accept Ms. McNaughten's application to join the commission as an Alternate Commissioner.

Mr. Cousens motioned to accept Ms. McNaughten as an Alternate Commissioner to the Conservation Commission. Seconded by Mr. LaPierre. All in favor. None opposed.

Chair Hardy and Mr. Cousens will attend the Thursday May 19th, 2022 Select Board Meeting to support Ms. McNaughten's appointment to the Conservation Commission.

Chair Hardy addressed the suggestion that a second person be authorized to sign checks in case the Chair is unable to. He suggested it be the Vice Chair of the Commission and the procedure should be added into the rules and procedures. In this case the second authorized person to sign would be Jeff Abbe.

Mr. LaPierre motioned to accept the Vice Chair Jeff Abbe as the second authorized person to sign checks on the behalf of the Conservation Commission. Seconded by Mr. Cousens. All in favor. None opposed.

Walker Pond

Chair Hardy asked PW Director Dean Hollins to explain the issue with the Pump House at Walker Pond. PW Director Hollins said it is a total concrete building except for the roof that is collapsed into the building. The basement is about ten feet deep and is full of water which is now coming out of the building doors. He would like to figure out a way to disconnect the pipe because the water comes in from the pond into the building and then goes into a stand pipe for the Fire Departments dry hydrant. There are no valves to discount the pipes from the dry hydrant. PW Director suggested having another company come and do a live tap. Fire Chief Kenney informed the Commission that the fire hydrants from Knowlton road to the Webster Town line cannot be used for firefighting. The system will not maintain water and will collapse the system and cause a water hammer. Fire Chief Kenney said it is important that they keep the dry hydrant because it is the only water source from Knowlton Road to the Webster Town line. PW Director suggested figuring out the costs for doing the wet tap. Mr. LaPierre asked if there were plans that show where the pipe lines go. PW Director Hollins said not that he is aware of unless the Water Precinct has any. Chair Hardy asked PW Director Hollins which companies he would suggest looking into for the wet tap. PW Director Hollins said to possibly ask Everett J Prescott or Merrill Construction to see if they do it or if they can recommend a company. Chair Hardy asked if the commissioners would like to proceed to see how they could get the dry hydrant connection out of the building and relocating it. The Commissioners were in agreement to get estimates on the live tap. Deputy PCD Director O'Brien will look into getting quotes.

Ms. McNaughten brought the members up-to-date on the horsepower restriction on Walker Pond. She indicated that the horse power limitation on the pond is an Administrative Rule and is not an RSA. The link for the rule is: <https://www.nhsp.dos.nh.gov/our-services/field-operations-bureau/marine-patrol/restricted-bodies-water>. Chair Hardy asked who enforces that Rule? Ms. McNaughten believes it would be the local law enforcement but will double check to make sure it is not Marine Patrol.

Chair Hardy brought up that Chadwick Hill is a Class Six road and PW Director Hollins is using an emergency declaration to plow up to the pump house and then has to stop. Mr. Mihai said from

an emergency stand point it makes sense to be able to access the water to the boat launch area in front of Mr. Fisher's property. Chair Hardy said that is the logic of taking the emergency declaration that far the issue that PW Director Hollins needs to be able to address. He also needs to make a three-point turn in the plow truck at the end of the plowed roadbed.

Chair Hardy would like to create an abutters list to Chadwick Hill Road to talk as equals about the road and the future use. The commission was in agreement to create the abutters list and discuss at the next meeting on when a good time would be to speak with the abutters.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm was made by Mr. LaPierre, seconded by Mr. Carrier and passed by a unanimous vote.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kearsten O'Brien, Recording Secretary*