

CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Boscawen Municipal Complex  
July 20, 2021  
Final Minutes

Present: Thomas Gilmore, Chair, Lyman Cousens, Norman LaPierre, Mark Kaplan, Henry Carrier and Matthew Burdick.

Absent: Jeffrey Abbe

Guest: none

Staff Present: Kellee Jo Easler, Planning & Community Development Director and Rose Fife, Recording Secretary.

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**Regular Business:**

- Open by Chair at 7:04 pm.
- Roll call done by Chair.
- Accountant's Report: The forest fund has \$25,295. They have spent nothing out of that account. Conservation Commission fund has a balance of \$236,280.36. Out of that amount \$90,000 has been allotted for the Walker Pond Property and \$105,000 has been allotted for the Morrill Easement. The town budget line item has \$2,130.00 for a balance. This is used to pay dues and to pay any expenses incurred when they go to training. Kaplan asked if there were an increase due to the increase in building in town. Marshall's Gun Shop property estimates revenue of \$90,000 for their Conservation Fund. Gilmore explained its 'conversion money' from when the property comes out of Current Use. Cousens noted that the balance sheet for the Conservation Commission of \$21,680 due from the general fund – that is money that has been gathered from property coming out of Current Use that is due to the Conservation Commission from the town. Gilmore will be checking into the negative number of \$3,513.75 noted in the Balance Sheet. Easler will look into it. Gilmore received a note from Brian Hotz from the Forest Society and they needed an updated assessment on the Morrill Easement. They will close on that property towards the end of August.
- Review Minutes 06.15.21 – A motion to approve the Minutes was made by LaPierre, seconded by Cousens and passed by a unanimous vote.

**Old Business:**

- Town Forest Discussion Items – there is nothing to report. Gilmore noted that they are still waiting on Web Stout's survey. Easler reports he will get to it before he retires. Cousens asked about the encroachments. Easler stated that has been taken care of. The encroachment on town property cannot be taken by eminent domain.
- Walker Pond – Gilmore wants to wait until the closing happens and then they can make plans on what they want to do with Walker Pond.

Discussion regarding the letter from DES regarding property on High Street that had a wetland impact. Gilmore explained that because the DES was handling this, the Conservation Commission doesn't have to act on it. Easler agreed.

### **New Business:**

- LUCT – Easler explained that LUCT stands for ‘land use change tax’. A large gravel pit came to town last year. In this instance it isn’t just the land you take out of current use, but also the gravel that is taken out etc. They expect the town’s portion that the conservation commission receives should be \$84,940. The property is Map 49 Lot 6. It’s owned by Boscawen DW Highway Realty. Easler explained that they receive the money when they take the property out of current use or when they start develop it. The LUCT can trickle in as it is being built out. LaPierre asked about the 2 new driveways on Route 3. Easler said Ryan Stacy LLC, part of Audley, purchased that property and a small pit is being put in there. That was approved July 2021 by the Planning Board. No blasting, just sand.

Training Information – Gilmore reports that the town is in support of any training that they need. If there is anything they want to go to, contact Easler. Kaplan thought it may make sense when Walker Pond is done that they look participate in working groups or training. He’d like to know people that he could talk to about the pond and what he needs to be aware of. Gilmore explained that there is a Lakes Commission in the State he can get involved with. There are a couple of programs offered every year. Gilmore thought they should get some training on that – he thought it was a good idea. Webster’s side does monitoring of Walker Pond and had asked Boscawen to help purchase a Deck Chain for them and Gilmore agreed to do that. Kaplan will contact them once the closing is done. Gilmore explained that the town cannot buy the dam until after the town meeting. Gilmore explained that the Purchase & Sales agreement includes the purchase of the dam. The Select Board has agreed to maintain it. Cousens thought it would be a good idea to reach out to Michelle Tremblay in Webster.

Mark Kaplan Renew Membership. Kaplan would be happy to continue with the Commission. Easler will prepare the paperwork. Gilmore explained it’s a 3 year term. Easler said they will send the appointment letter to the select board.

Kaplan wanted to discuss the Merrimack County Conservation Zoom Meeting on 7.28.21. Kaplan would be interested in attending. He asked if anyone knew anything about this. Gilmore said it’s the local working group meetings, but he hasn’t gone to them regularly. Gilmore will probably attend also. Easler said they need to RSVP by next Tuesday. Easler said if there were any questions email herself or Kearsten O’Brien. Matt Burdick signed up for it.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm was made by LaPierre, seconded by Kaplan and passed by a unanimous vote.

### **Non-Public:**

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### **Next Meeting:**

- August 17, 2021

*Respectfully submitted,  
Rose Fife, Recording Secretary*