

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

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, November 20, 2018 @ 7:00 PM**

Members Present: Commissioners Present: Tom Gilmore Chair, Jeffrey Abbe, Norm LaPierre  
Also present: Kellee Jo Easler, Planning & Community Development Assistant  
Absent: Lyman Cousens, Mark Kaplan and Edward Cherian  
Guest: Henry Carrier

**Regular Business:**

- Open by Chair
  
- Roll call by Chair
  
- Review and Acceptance of the minutes of prior meeting minutes – A **motion** to accept the Minutes was made by LaPierre, seconded by Abbe and passed by a unanimous vote.
  
- Accountant's Report – Capital fund has approximately \$170,000. There should be more coming in depending on conversion money. Conservation Commission account has \$3,500 in that account. The balance in the Forest Fund account is \$12,000 but they still owe money to HFLC. Niebling sent Gilmore an email letting him know that HFLC hasn't billed the town yet so the town can reconcile and complete/close out that job. They have enough money to cover it all.

On the new cut, they have already received a \$1,700+/- check from Adam Mock on the logging done so far. They are expecting about \$30,000 from this new job. Niebling arrived late. Gilmore explained to Niebling that they would like to finalize the HFLC contract. Gilmore also explained to Niebling that they are now starting to receive payment from Adam Mock.

- Town Forest Update –Niebling explained that they may not need to bush hog next summer because the grass is starting to come in on the first cut. Gilmore asked Niebling about his estimate of revenue from oak of the new cut. Niebling said that the ratio from saw log to pallet has flipped; there is a lot of spider and mineral stains so it's not quite the quality he thought it would be. That will have impact on revenue on the town. Mock worked today and Niebling will go tomorrow morning to re-walk some patches to be sure they are painted. The cold weather is coming so hopefully Friday or early next week the ground will be more solid for Mock to work.

Gilmore reported that successful walks were done on the Jones property and the Gilmore property and paperwork was submitted to meet the requirements. They had successful walks on the two walks required.

**New Business:**

- Meeting Dates for 2019/2020 approval. Meetings are set for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month and they all look fine.
- Permits and reviews – no permits came in this month.

Gilmore reported that Kaplan would like to make a presentation to the Commission and he's going to prepare an overlay on the town map so they can identify all the properties that are in conservation in the town. He has a third party coming in to talk with them on the 18<sup>th</sup>; Amanda Stone from the Cooperative Extension.

Kellee Jo Easler reported that there was a hill in the town forest that had no name that they could find. So the Boscawen Elementary School students had a contest and they named it Boscawen Hill. It's the hill left of Dagody Hill.

Abbe has a meeting with Ashton Twombly at Avitar to revamp their map. They need to get a name for the new Blue Ridge Trail. Abbe is hoping they have come up with a narrative to put on the trail map so that it will be only on one sheet of paper. Avitar is going to help with the GIS mapping. Abbe said the signs are being shot at in the forest.

The income from the Town Forest can be used to do the Keeser Lot study. Niebling said the best time to do that study will be in April. Gilmore would like to see that done. He will present it to the Selectmen in the future.

The Walker Pond property was discussed. Gilmore wanted the town attorney given an update and do the town's due diligence and then they can present that to the water Precinct.

Morrill property potential conservation was discussed. The NRCS grant was to be applied for which would be half the value of the conservation cost.

Abbe would like before and after pictures of the farmstead site put up on the website. LaPierre asked if they had a count for how many hits to the website they had. Kellee Jo Easler will look into that.

Abbe asked what is due before town meeting. Kellee Jo Easler said town report information will be due but she's not sure when. She said that they can put up a display table for Town meeting. Abbe wants to put up new trail signs, painted green. He'd like a sample of that for town meeting. He'd like the Commission to think about a name for the Blue Ridge Trail.

Meeting adjourned. Motion by LaPierre, seconded by Abbe, unanimous vote.

**Next Meeting:** December 20, 2018 at 7pm.