

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Boscawen Municipal Complex**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, February 19, 2019 @ 7:00 PM**

Members Present: Commissioners Present: Tom Gilmore Chair, Jeffrey Abbe, Norm LaPierre, Lyman Cousens, and Ed Cherian

Also present: Kellee Jo Easler, Planning & Community Development Director

Absent: Mark Kaplan

Guest: Henry Carrier

**Regular Business:**

- Open by Chair
- Roll call
- Review and Acceptance of the Minutes of prior meeting minutes: A **motion** to accept the Minutes was made by LaPierre, seconded by Cousens and passed by a unanimous vote.
- Accountant's Report: There is new money coming into the Conservation Commission's Capital fund. They should be getting another \$18,000. Cherian asked if that was the rest of the Knowlton lots. Kellee Easler said yes. There were also 2 others also. Gilmore stated that the accountant report is in order.

Gilmore found the 1988 ruling of town law on the use of the forest funds they received from the Forester that states that the town cannot take the money from the Conservation Commission. They get to keep it all. They have a full \$37,000 in the Forest fund. Therefore, Gilmore would like to ask the town not to appropriate any money for their budget this year, which will save the town some money. They will forego that stipend. A **motion** to do so was made by LaPierre, seconded by Cousens and passed by a unanimous vote.

National Resources Update: This would require an inventory which would cost money. That would normally come out of the Planning Board Budget, but Gilmore is suggesting that it would be appropriate for the Conservation Commission to take on that bill from the extra money they have in the Forest account. He understood it to be \$7,500. Kellee Easler agreed that it was approximately \$7,500. Cherian asked if it was a field inventory or GIS inventory. Abbe noted that if they hired a consultant to do this for them it would cost more. Kellee Easler noted they utilize Central NH Planning. Abbe said it's an enhancement of Chapter 8, the Natural Resources Chapter. They are encouraging all towns across the state to do this. Gilmore asked if the Selectmen would feel this is appropriate. Cherian noted that although he couldn't speak for the Selectmen, he would think it is a great idea. If coordinated with the Planning Board it would be great. Gilmore said they have contracted to have the Creaser property inventoried and evaluated. He believes they have sufficient funds from the last timber cut. A **motion** to fund what they can of the Natural Resources Update subject to discussion of scope and cost was made by Cherian, seconded by LaPierre and passed by a unanimous vote.

• Town Forest Update: Abbe did get an email from Ray Mercier who will be doing the OLLI program May 11<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 12 pm in the Town Forest. Cherian asked if it was open to all. Abbe said no, only to the OLLI students. Cherian suggested they do a fall or spring guided tour of the town forest. Abbe has new signs that he picked up Saturday. They cost \$25.00 each. Cherian asked what kind of wood they are on. Abbe said they were made out of five quarter cedar. The vinyl lettering looks like a routed sign. They do not need to be sealed. He had 4 of them made. Gilmore asked if he had looked into any more benches yet. Abbe hadn't yet, but felt it is a great idea. Cherian asked about the Merrimack Valley seniors doing their senior projects. Possibly they could get them involved with a project. Kellee Easler gave Ed Cherian the information. Gilmore felt that the town forest is in good shape now and they will not do another cut for several years now. Cherian asked if there was a link on the web for the Town Forest. Abbe showed them the map he has been working on with Avitar.

**New Business:**

- Appointment: Lyman Cousens March 2019: A motion to appoint Lyman Cousens was made by Cousens, Abbe, and unanimous vote.
- Permits and reviews: none.
- Town Forest Article (*insert*) was discussed.  
Abbe said there was an article written for the Annual Town Report.

Cousens asked what the status was with Walker Pond. Gilmore said they are waiting for their elections before they discuss this further with them. Their annual meeting that can be attended is Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the nursing home's auditorium.

The easement on Morrill Property is still being worked on. Gilmore will be meeting with the NH Forest Society and Robby Morrill tomorrow morning at 10 am. They probably won't happen until the fall of this year.

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

**Next Meeting:** March 19, 2019 at 7pm.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Rose Fife, Recording Secretary*