

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Boscawen Municipal Complex**

**Final Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 21, 2019 @ 7:00 PM**

Members & Commissioners Present: Tom Gilmore Chair, Jeffrey Abbe, Norm LaPierre, Lyman Cousens and Lorrie Carey

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

Absent: Mark Kaplan

Guest: Henry Carrier

Regular Business:

- Open by Chair at 7:01 pm.
- Roll call by Chair.
- Review and Acceptance of the April 16, 2019 Minutes: Abbe suggested a change to line 24 to read: “Abbe reports that there is a new laminated map at the kiosk.” **A motion to approve the minutes with amendments was made by LaPierre, seconded by Cousens. All in favor.**

- Accountant’s Report of 5.21.19: The Conservation account has a current balance of \$193,240.59. The Forest Fund has a balance of \$36,486.38. The Commission declined to have their \$2,200 budget in the General Fund so expenses are being paid from the Forest Fund. Cousens questioned who we paid for the Town Forest Mapping. Abbe says he believes it was Avitar. Abbe would like to know the cost of the service. Kellee will find out the information and let them know. **A motion to approve the Accountant’s Report was made by Cousens and seconded by Abbe. All in favor.**

- Town Forest Update: Avitar has helped Abbe update the maps. He is pleased with the results. With Concord’s permission, he would like to put a copy of the laminated map on their side as well so that people are orientated from either direction. The new maps show more of Elm Street and the connection to the Concord end. Gilmore mentioned that they should begin to think about doing a first cut soon. That money will come from the Forest Budget. Abbe said he will talk to John Fife about that. The edges and corners have been seeded at the new field. Abbe says they should seed more of the skid road crossings of the Dagody Hill Trail. The farmstead is looking good. Abbe wanted to thank Gilmore and Cousens for attending and greeting the Olli students. Abbe spoke with a group of Girl Scouts having a yard sale at the Smoke Shack about volunteering or attending a meeting.

Old Business:

- NRCS Grant Application: Gilmore says the grant application for the Morrill property has received preliminary approval and will move to the next stage. Gilmore says he will make an appointment to present this to the Board of Selectmen at their meeting on May 30th.

New Business:

- The Commission reviewed an application for appointment to the Conservation Commission from Henry Carrier. Gilmore said the Commission is supposed to have 4 members, and they currently have 5. Abbe asked if Mr. Carrier could be an alternate member. Abbe says he started as an alternate member. Mr. Carrier is ok with that option. Easler said two members of the Commission should bring their recommendation to the Board of Selectmen at their meeting on May 30th. **A motion to appoint Henry Carrier as an alternate member of the Conservation Commission made by LaPierre, seconded by Cousens. All in favor.**
- The Commission reviewed an Intent to Cut for Integrity Holdings. The lot is approximately 175 acres and the cut will be approximately 165 acres. There is no authorization or authorized signature for the LLC. The authorization also needs to be notarized. There needs to be a stream crossing permit if they intend to cross the brook. Charlie Niebling reviews the Intent to Cuts.
- NH DOT Bridge Repairs: Commission reviewed a letter from NH DOT regarding planned bridge work over the River Road railroad tracks and Tremont Street. No action taken.
- FEMA – Field Survey Floodplain Mapping Updates in Contoocook Watershed: Commission reviewed a letter from FEMA regarding the Contoocook Watershed. No action taken.
- Abbe asked if there have been any follow-up visits to the Boscawen Sand & Gravel site since the last site walk three years ago. The pit has been expanded and there is new ownership. He would be curious how the plantings are doing there. Kellee will see if the new owners would allow the Commission to do a walk through for an update. Cousens thinks the Commission should do it in conjunction with the Planning Board. LaPierre recalls inspecting gravel pits yearly or when permits needed to be reissued.

A **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 pm was made by Carey, seconded by Abbe and passed by a unanimous vote.

Next Meeting: June 18, 2019 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted by Katie Phelps