



TOWN OF WAKEFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
& FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Monday August 12, 2019

Town Hall Conference Room

Approved

Board members present Chairman Steve Brown, Relf Fogg, Paul Johnson, Donna Ackerman and Alternate Donna Martin

Others present Don Cheever, Mcauley Cheever, Julia Cheever, Dawn Alie and Tyler Alie

Call to Order

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 7:09.

Introduction of Board Members and seating of alternates as necessary

Mr. Brown sat Ms. Martin for Mr. Tinkham

Review/ acceptance of previous meeting minutes

Mr. Johnson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Ackerman, to approve the minutes of June 10, 2019 with any suggested amendments. (Vote 5-0)

Camper Presentation

Eleven year old Julia Alie, who is entering the sixth grade this year, attended Barry Camp and was sponsored in part by the Conservation Commission. She told the Commission members about her week. Some of her favorite activities were archery and firearms and she became quite proficient with a rifle. They spent their time hiking, visiting a fish hatchery, a canoe trip through the rapids, playing field games and making new friends. She said the councilors were very nice and the food was amazing. There were beautiful views and a freezing cold lake. She had a great week and thanked the Commissioners for their sponsorship.

Review of Applications/ Approvals

Wetland Permit Application for Carolyn J and Mikesh Ring, TM 109 Lot 52 presented by Peter Cooperdock filed as a standard review not an expedited application and the Commissions signatures are not required.

Wetland Permit Application for George Vardudakis Jr. 128 Buck Road, TM 68 Lot 40 standard review. No signature required.

Shoreland impact Permit, Gail and Paul Petelle, North Desmond Drive Belleau Lake,

TM 30 Lot 16

Mr. Fogg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to have the Chairman sign this one. (Vote 5-0)

Shoreland Permit Application for William McNair 27 Dearborn Road, TM 110 Lot 26.

Shoreland Permit Application for Edward Dolaher, 105 Chandler Lane, TM 67 Lot 71

Shoreland Permit Application for Wayne A. Sanni, 906 Cord Road, TM 57 Lot 26.

Shoreland Permit Application for Kraft Family Revocable Trust, 14 Morin Point Road, TM 57 Lot 26.

Shoreland Permit Application for William McNair, 142 North Dorr Way, TM 23 Lot 2.

Wetlands Permit Application for Cindy and John Etherington, TM5 Lot 48. Standard review.

Mr. Fogg made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Ackerman, to have the Chairman sign this one. (Vote 5-0)

Budget Review

The Town Administrator requested a proposed budget be submitted by August 30th.

The Chairman read the line items. The Commissioners discussed each one.

Mr. Fogg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johnson to increase the Education Sponsorship line from \$2,500 to \$3,000. (Vote 4-1).

Ms. Martin does not believe that taxpayer money should be used for the Campership Program. Mr. Fogg said part of their purpose is to support conservation education and the camps are an effort to raise awareness. There was a discussion about the manuals and seedlings that the Commission use to give out on Pride Day. In recent years there has been some difficulty in obtaining these saplings. They decided they would rather zero that line in order to increase the campership line.

Mr. Johnson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fogg, to zero out the Pride Day line of \$250 for trees (Vote 5-0).

Mr. Johnson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fogg, to leave the rest of the lines as they are. Approved as amended reducing the Dues line by \$100. (Vote 5-0).

Mr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fogg, to amend the motion to change the dues line by \$100 and leave that line at \$375 to cover the State Conservation Commission dues. (Vote 5-0)

Mrs. Ackerman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fogg to approve the budget at \$4,191 (Vote 4-1)

New Board Business

Other

None

Update Unfinished Board Business

1. Lavender Conservation property Monitoring walk and report **to be done in September**
2. Organize conservation files & Box on top of file cabinet needs to be filed (Relf & Dave) Fall
3. Union Meadow Town Property Deed Restrictions (Relf copy Prior Town Attorneys correspondence)
Add to next agenda
 - a. Looking for Conservation easement draft (Dave)
4. Gage Hill Property
Mr. Johnson has got the cutting of brush and saplings out to the rock wall on the northeast side beyond waypoint 7. There are still saplings to be cleared and branches to be cut. He has been out there working about four times in the past two weeks for three to four hours at a time. Now it's time to clear that trail of the debris because it's getting harder to walk. Haven't heard anything from the Boy Scouts yet. He said the debris can be tossed into the woods and also make some brush piles for animal habitats. He suggested meeting at 9:00 this coming Saturday and asked Mrs. Colbath to request volunteers on her Wakefield Facebook page. She will also put the brochure at the top of the page and ask for feedback from those who walked the trail. There are 9 of the 25 brochures left in the kiosk. He will be adding markers to identify the waypoints. He noticed that the DES Dam Bureau is running a snow pack survey on the property. They have banded trees and they go out every two weeks during the winter and check the snow pack to look at the aquifer refresh rates and runoff etc. There was some discussion about adding fill to bind up the glass In the parking area that is soft. Mr. Johnson will update the brochure to the link directly to the Conservation page on the new Town website.
 - a. Set posts for Trail Gating need to be back filled and cable attached (Relf)
 - b. Trail development \$ clearing and Blazing (GPS map trails) (Paul)
 - c. Signage for all Conservation Property trails and Blaze Trails color to be White
Main trails
 - d. Tag Lot Lines with Tags supplied by SELT. Distance apart 100 ft. or less (Dave & Paul)
 - e. Trail Cleanup have asked the Boy Scouts Troup 198 for help- awaiting reply
5. Develop a tri-fold or maps of **all** the town's conservation properties
This will be removed from the agenda for the time being,
6. Union Meadow Conservation Area access (to be worked on when Gage Hill Property is complete)

Public Comment

None

Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be on August 27th at 7:00.

Adjournment

Mr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Ackerman, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25. (Vote 5-0)

Respectfully submitted for approval at the next meeting,

Priscilla Colbath
Secretary