



*Town of Weare  
Conservation Commission*

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Andy Fulton, Chairman  
Steve Najjar, Vice Chairman  
Sherry Burdick  
Bill Bolton  
Mike Camacho  
Ray Lemay  
Marc Phillips

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION Special Meeting– October 27, 2021 Final MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Andy Fulton, Steve Najjar, Bill Bolton, Mike Camacho, Sherry Burdick, Ray Lemay, Marc Phillips

Absent: none

GUESTS: Town Administrator Naomi Bolton; Frank Campana; Eldon Townes

Chairman Fulton called the meeting to order at 6:09 pm., welcomed those present to the October 27, 2021 Weare Conservation Commission meeting.

**I. SPECIAL MEETING:**

One item is before the Commission, the letter from Board of Selectmen, Vice Chairman Meaney. Chairman Fulton read the letter into record:



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**Selectmen:**

Frederick W. Hippler, Chairman  
John (Jack) Meaney, Vice Chairman  
Jonathan H. Osborne  
Sherry M. Burdick  
John Van Loendersloot

Naomi L. Bolton  
Town Administrator

According with the Board of Selectmen's meeting on Thursday, October 21, 2021, Vice Chairman Meaney declared a resolution in order to secure a yes vote to resolve the deadlock below:

**Selectman Burdick moved, Chairman Hippler seconded to move forward with this even though the appraisal is on the lower side, approve the project, waive the appraisal and accept the survey provided. Deadlock: Chairman Hippler and Selectman Burdick voted yes; Selectman Van and Selectman Osborne voted no, Vice Chairman Meaney abstained, 2-2-1.**

The resolution of the deadlock is contingent on the following conditional agreement signed by the Conservation Commission Chairman requested by Vice Chairman Meaney as follows:

1. Two years to implement a trail system plan.
2. Buildings removed from the property within 90 days of the closing.
3. The Town has the right to any and all resources on the land, except timber.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ Conservation Commission Chairman do hereby agree to the above written declaration of conditions to obtain a yes vote from Vice Chairman Meaney to waive the appraisal as stated in the aforementioned motion.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Chairman Fulton stated that items 1-3 (above) is a voluntary request by one Board member. It was not discussed as a Board. The letter was provided through the Town Administrator's office to the Conservation Chairman via email.

Chairman Fulton opened the meeting up for Conservation Commission members to discuss:

Ray Lemay stated sounds like a hijacking, something is fishy.

Vice Chairman Najjar suggested the Commission take the high road and keep any personal feelings or thoughts out of it.

Marc Phillips asked what are the resources?

Vice Chairman Najjar gave insight and stated that it was suggested that there are minerals on the property that could be excavated. He pointed out that the "Town" owns and has access to all resources on the Town land. No easement is proposed at this time.

Ray Lemay pointed out if someone else buys the property the Town will lose the gravel.

Chairman Fulton spoke about the RSA for Conservation Funds and their purposes.

Vice Chairman Najjar responded the Commission has made it to this point; it is unfortunate it has come to this.

Marc Philips asked about the Trail Plan.

Mike Camacho stated a plan was already done, but not put forth. It was suggested to put it on the website after purchase.

Vice Chairman Najjar talked about the trail aspect and it's not as easy as everyone thinks. They require time building them as well as time needed to maintain them.

Mike Camacho agreed trails are and can be expensive to create and maintain. He applied for ARPA funds, waiting for a response decision. His inclination was that we probably wouldn't be getting any money.

Bill Bolton stated the trail issue would need a separate subcommittee with some specific guidelines.

Vice Chairman Najjar stated he does not think the Commission is the right place to manage a trails subcommittee. He is tired of hearing about New Boston's Trail System.

Bill Bolton added there is a lot of money out there available for trail work. The snowmobile club gets money through the State Trails Bureau, but it takes time and effort and volunteers. New Boston got 100's of dollars to build their trails, but not one inch is allowed for anything motorized, it is only allowed for hiking, biking and horseback riding.

Chairman Fulton stated the subcommittee dissolved because it was not sustained.

Bill Bolton stated it might be time to re-advertise. There may be interest. He feels the note regarding trails has been asked and answered.

Vice Chairman Najjar suggested a joint meeting with PARC to discuss trails.

Bill Bolton stated clubs south of Weare have a lot of members who hike, and do other non-motorized trail activities.

Ray Lemay added that is the advantage of using the snowmobile club trails is that they exist.

**Bill Bolton moved, Vice Chairman Najjar seconded to have Chairman Fulton sign and move forward with the purchase.** Discussion: Vice Chairman Najjar stated this is trivial to the whole 85-acres. It is part of forestry management to remove gravel. Chairman Fulton stated, to be perfectly clear, the Conservation Commission money cannot be used to purchase a gravel lot. He suggested striking out the word, “except,” and replace it with “including.”

**Bill Bolton moved, Vice Chairman Najjar seconded to amend the motion to cross off “except timber.” Passed 6-1-0, Chairman Fulton voted no.**

## **II. NEXT MEETING**

November 3, 2021 @ 7 PM.

**Being there was no further business to come before the Board, Bill Bolton made a motion, Ray Lemay seconded to adjourn at 6:58 PM. Passed 7-0-0**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A True Record.

*Karen Nelson*

Karen Nelson transcribed from  
TA Bolton notes. Power outage,  
You Tube recording was lost.