



*Town of Weare
Conservation Commission*

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION – March 10, 2021 FINAL MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by Chairman Andy Fulton

Members present via ZOOM: Andy Fulton, Chairman; Steve Najjar, Vice Chairman; Mike Camacho; Bill Bolton; Lori Davis; and Ray Lemay

Absent: Sherry Burdick

Guests: Town Administrator Naomi Bolton; Hailey Nase

I. DISCUSSIONS:

PLC TRAILS DISCUSSION: Hailey Nase, Stewardship Coordinator from PLC was present to discuss the trails condition at Ferrin Pond property. PLC has property that abuts on the northerly and town owns southerly part. The trails is partially town and PLC. The section of the trail on the western side of pond has a bunch of blowdowns and is impassible. She is currently updating the PLC trails map and felt was a good idea to jointly discuss this. The blowdowns were specifically on the town property. Between PLC trails and Town trails are marked in different colors which makes it confusing. The Town trails guide has not been updated since 2013 when it was done by a boy scout. The reason for joining the meeting tonight was to have a conversation about the conditions and possibly a potential partnership for a work effort. Lori Davis stated that she has talked with a couple people through the budget process this year and more people are asking why we don't have maps, as the trails aren't easily able to be followed. Ms. Davis further added that there is a group of people in town that are looking to try and figure out how they can use the money that is generated when the Town land is logged off to put it into the town coffers, so it might behoove the commission to do something more proactive to get a trail up and running and looking food for townspeople to use so it shows the commission is listening a little bit. Mike Camacho stated that he was out there a while ago and couldn't find his way, so he feels that the markers need updating. He pointed out that there is a map on the Town website. Vice Chairman Najjar showed the current map. He suggested reaching out the Jeremy Turner for a cost to GPS the entire trail so that people can get a map from Avenza. Ms. Nase stated that she has the trail already GPS'd. She sent an updated map as well as the one that needs work. Vice Chairman Najjar recapped that he will reach out to Mr. Turner to explore what needs to be done on the hourly town forest agreement; then develop an RFP to clean up the trails and ask him to get in touch with Ms. Nase. Once that is complete Mr. Turner can then return it to the Commission for consideration.

II. MINUTES:

February 10, 2021 Minutes: These minutes will be tabled until the April meeting.

III. Planning Board Plans: ENI - Site Plan Review – 55 B & B Lane - Tax Map 411, Lot 197 – applicant propose to add two (2) above-ground propane fuel storage tanks and subsurface disposal system. (Scheduled for Planning Board meeting on February 25th): The Commission reviewed the plan. This is the old Putnam Fuel place on B & B Lane. The proposal is to add two 30,000 gallon above ground propane tanks close to the

road. There is currently diesel storage there now. There is wetlands on the edge of the cul-de-sac. It is currently being renovated by the new owner and looking to add propane. After discussion, Chairman Fulton will send an email to Planning Board Chairman and Land Use Coordinator with the Commission's comments.

IV. OTHER:

Hardwick Property: Town Administrator Bolton shared with the Board that the completion of the purchase the Hardwick Property located on Tobey Hill Road was finalized by the closing that took place at the Town Office on February 24, 2021. Mr. Camacho asked about unsealing the nonpublic minutes at the next meeting, particularly now that the deal is done, so that everyone can learn about the particulars of the newest purchase. Vice Chairman Najjar stated that we purchased 116 acres off of Tobey Hill Road for the price of \$149,500 as Town Forest from the 2020 Warrant Article money. Thank you to everyone.

Poor Farm Forest: Forester Jeremy Turner submitted a draft RFP for Property Boundary Location Verification. The draft is as follows:

Project Scope/Background

*Meadowsend Consulting Company (MCC) assists the Town of Weare in managing Town Forests. MCC is requesting a competitive bid proposal from licensed land surveyors for verifying ownership boundary involving deed research and any necessary survey work. Attached are plans showing the boundary line(s) requiring verification. The 1979 Todd plan (attached) shows a highlighted property boundary line the Town has been claiming and managing for 42 years. Recently an abutter has suggested this Town maintained line is not correct and claims the correct line to be that of the Attridge plan as highlighted (attached). The successful bidder will have a **project completion date of December 31, 2021.***

Details

Submission of 2 project prices:

- 1. Generation of statement of findings including deed research and field verification of Town boundary line in dispute.*
- 2. Any and all necessary field work and registry filing. Fieldwork to include corner monumentation and centerline flagging of boundary.*

All materials must be supplied by the contractor.

It is the contractor's responsibility to inspect the conditions at Collins Ledge (terrain, access, etc.) prior to submitting a bid.

Bid

*Interested parties must submit a project bid proposal. Proposal must include the service to be provided and the total project cost. **Bid deadlines are April 30th, 2021.** Successful bidder will be notified by May 15th, 2021. All bids are mailed to the address above, with attention to Jeremy Turner.*

Insurance

The successful bidder will be required to obtain and maintain in force comprehensive general liability insurance. A Certificate of Insurance in amounts of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 per aggregate will be required.

The consensus was that this looks fine except the reference to Collins Ledge will need to be changed to Poor Farm. This would be done under the hourly rate of the contract for Jeremy Turner.

Meadowsend: Mike Camacho graciously set up a google drive so everyone can have access to stuff. Laura French has put information in the new google drive folder for all to look at. Maybe next month or the month after the Commission can discuss the maps done with GPS data and how we will continue to store it.

Kingsbury Parcel Monitoring: Chairman Fulton stated that we received an email from Tom Carr of Meridan Land Services to Steve Walker relative to monitoring of the Kingsbury parcel.

Election of Officers for upcoming year: Vice Chairman Najjar stated that this is that meeting every year that the Commission to elect officers and review by-laws. Chairman Fulton recalled it being in April. Town Administrator Bolton stated that the Selectmen's Office has notified everyone that is due to be reappointed and wants to continue, that they need to fill out the volunteer application, sign the ethics form and return them

back to the Selectmen's Office. There are four members that are due to be renewed, Mike Camacho, Lori Davis, Bill Bolton and Sherry Burdick. Reappointments are typically done after town meeting because it is the same time as the Board of Selectmen decide which Board/Committee/Commission they are going to be on for the upcoming year. Mike Camacho has returned his paperwork; Bill Bolton is going to fill his paperwork out. Lori Davis and Sherry Burdick have not been heard from yet. Lori Davis stated that we will be getting hers, Alan (her husband) has to figure out how to send it to the Town. Chairman Fulton thanked Ms. Davis for doing that. Town Administrator Bolton just reminded Ms. Davis to make sure that it gets to the Town Office before Monday night's meeting.

Vice Chairman Najjar stated that he is willing to keep the officers the same leaving the secretary vacant, Lori Davis seconded the motion. Andy Fulton stated that he accepts the nomination. Chairman Fulton stated that he would really like to have a secretary and asked Mike Camacho if he was willing. Mike Camacho stated that he would give it a try. Based on this discussion, Vice Chairman Najjar modified his motion and move that Mike Camacho is secretary; he is Vice Chairman; and Andy Fulton is Chairman for the next year between now and 2022; Lori Davis seconded the motion. Passed 6-0-0

Chairman Fulton stated that we upped the level of support on the Town Forester's allowance the Town vote to 75% of the vote and there was 67% support for purchasing Town Forest land. Chairman Fulton wanted to once again thank everyone for their support. Lori Davis asked when going forward if anyone on the committee could tell her how the rules work or the RSA's. She stated earlier tonight that there's a group that is looking that when we log to take that money and put it into the general fund, all of it and not give it to the Commission. Ms. Davis stated she is not sure how it works but we need to be able to understand and explain as it is going to come up in the future. Chairman Fulton thanked Ms. Davis for the heads up. Vice Chairman Najjar asked Ms. Davis that is there is someone that voices that opinion have them give him a call because he can explain to them pretty succinctly the benefits and long term tax stabilization and reduction of having that money in forests and there's a good business case for us. So if there is anyone wanting to make the business case of raiding that money is somehow better he would love to talk to them. Lori Davis replied that two of them are state reps and three of them are defined as libertarians and they are definitely itching to get a hold of that money. She doesn't have an answer for them as she doesn't know how all the finances work. Vice Chairman Najjar stated that he has a good forestry background and welcomed them to give him a call.

V. NEXT MEETING:

The next Commission meeting will be held on April 14, 2021 @ 7 PM.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Lori Davis moved, Ray Lemay seconded to adjourn at 8:29 PM. All members voted in favor 6-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Naomi L. Bolton

Naomi L. Bolton,
Town Administrator