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CONSERVATION COMMISSION – October 12, 2016 DRAFT MINUTES

Members present: Andrew Fulton, Stephen Najjar, Jeff Jackson, William Bolton

Guests present: Kris Wilkes (Eversource), Kurt Neslon (Eversource), Lauren Malerich (Eversource), Jeremy Turner (MTL), Paul Doscher, Joshua McGraw, Wanda Dezak, Dean Dezak

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Fulton.

I. PLANNING BOARD/LAND USE:

- 1) **Dean Dezak** said the old house across from Dustin Tavern and said they decided to restore the house. Mr. Dezak said there was no working septic on the property. Mr. Dezak said there is one hurdle and said FEMA remapped that area about 10 years ago. Mr. Dezak said a minor piece of the structure is still in the flood zone. Mr. Dezak said he found out all he had to do was add some fill near the barn so the grade would come up. Mr. Dezak said he did check with the State after they did it and was told the State didn't have any issue with it. Mr. Dezak said he was told to come here by Mr. Meany because he needs a form signed off on before they can sell the property. Mr. Dezak said there is a brook that goes through the property. Mr. Dezak said where they put the fill is probably 25' from the brook.

Chairman Fulton asked Mr. Dezak if he knew if Mr. Meany knows what the six digit NIFP Community number is? Chairman Fulton said he didn't see anything wrong with it. Mr. Najjar said he is not sure they are the right people to approve this and suggested it go to the Town Attorney. Mr. Dezak said that Mr. Meany didn't have a problem signing it, but he wanted to make sure the Conservation Commission was okay with it. Chairman Fulton said then our role is different and said they just need to make a recommendation to Mr. Meany. Mr. Bolton asked if he added fill under the building and Mr. Dezak said he just butted it up against it. Mr. Dezak said it was damp.

Chairman Fulton asked the Board if they were okay with him sending an email to Mr. Meany that they had no concerns on the wetlands buffer issue.

- 2) **Remilard Trust, 8 N. Riverdale, 10/4/16 revised site plans, 412/202** - Chairman Fulton said the purpose is to show existing conditions. Mr. Jackson said there is a catch basin added and they added some detail. Chairman Fulton said there is still no wetlands statement.
- 3) **William Anderson, 137 East Road, 10/4/16 site plan review, 203/83** – Chairman Fulton said the purpose of the plan is a two lot subdivision and said it is all good except it is missing the wetlands stamp.

II. NH DES/WETLANDS BUREAUS, ETC. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) **Shoreland Permit Application** – 55 Winter Road – Chairman Fulton said the Land Resources Management Bureau has request more information. Mr. Najjar said that is Lake Horace. Chairman Fulton said it is the south side of the lake and is not part of Collins Landing. Mr. Najjar said it looks like both of them are knock down and rebuild.
- 2) **Shoreland Permit Application** – 45 Waterman Road – Chairman Fulton said this north end and up behind Chase Park. Chairman Fulton said the Land Resources Management Bureau has requested more information. Mr. Bolton asked what the purpose is and Chairman Fulton said community notification and said they are handled at the State level. Mr. Najjar said they are trying to get one permit for two lots and Chairman Fulton said they cannot do that. Mr. Fulton said two permits and two fees.
- 3) **Complete Forestry Notification** – Chairman Fulton said this is Map 409, Lot 172 and said it is the standard notification of cutting. Chairman Fulton said hopefully they will use the best management practices in what they do.
- 4) **DES Newsletter** – Chairman Fulton said it was received in the mail.

III. OTHER ITEMS:

1) **Town Forester Quarterly Report** –

Jeremy Turner gave a forestry report update. Mr. Turner said the Chevy Hill harvest was highly successful. Mr. Turner said the neighborhood was happy and said the whole public outreach they did was really worth it. Chairman Fulton asked if the walk/meeting with PLC every happen and Mr. Turner said no, they decided to regroup and put it towards Ferrin Pond.

Mr. Turner said they have started markings at Ferrin Pond and said they are at a point where they need to discuss a few items. Mr. Turner said regarding the Eastman burn habitat pollinator project, he will have Joshua McGraw talk about it. Mr. Turner said the Tobey Hill plan is all in and said the plan is not up on Town website. Mr. Najjar asked who was putting things on the website and Chairman Fulton said Mary Rice. Mr. Turner said the boundary lines are all blazed and said the project is 100% complete. Mr. Turner said on Wolf Creek they are completing the inventory and preparing for the plan write up, boundary lines for the most part have been found and monumented and blazed. Mr. Turner said there is an unfound corner and will council if there is potential trespass. Mr. Turner said they will put a plan together and then put an RFP together to get that fixed. Mr. Najjar asked to set a corner. Mr. Turner said to set a corner. Mr. McGraw said it is across the Piscataquog River and said there has been some activity in that corner, but it won't affect the plan writing. Mr. McGraw said whether that piece is or isn't part of the town it has already been cut. Chairman Fulton asked if there is a figure in the report to have that completed and Mr. Turner said yes. Mr. Najjar said this year's budget is already approved and it can be taken out of forestry. Mr. Najjar made a motion up to \$2,000 for survey expenses on Bull Creek to come out of the town forestry account. Mr. Bolton seconded. Motion passed. 5-0-0.

Mr. Turner said the Woods Conservation gate has been vandalized and said someone has already fixed it. Chairman Fulton asked Mr. Turner if he was saying the snowmobile club will work on it or something that he has observed that has already been done. Mr. Turner said he understood that someone was already on it.

Proposed Work – Mr. Turner said he would like to put quality time on Jewett Lot & Faron Pond and said he thinks there is an opportunity with the neighboring PLC piece to have a mutual agreement

with PLC which will benefit both projects. Mr. Turner said he would recommend working on the recreation & high level trails and team up with PLC for land management. Mr. Fulton asked if it would be winter work or lined up for next summer. Mr. Turner suggested getting bids and setting something up for May of next year. Mr. Turner said with Jewett to become part of Faron to become part of a combined effort with PLC to allow access to the property. Chairman Fulton asked where the landing would be. Mr. Turner said when you come down Mountain road, cross the bridge, then there is the parking and high use recreation and suggested to stay away from that area and to go up the Town road and build a permanent landing on Jewett. Mr. Najjar asked about the dead hemlock around the pond. Mr. Turner said he wouldn't council on salvaging the hemlock around the pond. Mr. Najjar asked if they should let the Boy Scouts know they are going to do work up there. Chairman Fulton said it would be good to let the stakeholders in the area about the use and the scout troop. Chairman Fulton said we did learn a lot from Poor Farm that their hard work has bearing of their interests of what they can do for projects. Mr. Turner said they would make sure the outreach efforts are targeted well.

Paul Doscher asked about the right-of-way that Fish and Game has owned but it is a walking path with no vehicle travel. Mr. Doscher said Fish and Game hasn't done anything to maintain it. Mr. Najjar said they have checked with Fish and Game and they said they have given it to the Town but there is no deed registered at the Registry of Deeds. Mr. Doscher said it was his understanding was they could use it but not turn it into vehicular access. Mr. Doscher asked if they could find away to have it accessible by ATV.

Mr. Najjar asked Mr. Turner to review the website to see who has easement deeds.

Bills for Town Forester - The board briefly talked about them.

Eastman Pollinator Project - Mr. McGraw said they are near completion, had a good burn, and had a good result. Mr. McGraw said they showed the project to a few applicators and said most of them didn't have the right equipment. Mr. McGraw said they went with Bay State Forestry since they will use a small utility vehicle with a small pump. Mr. McGraw said they ran their specs by them and they questioned the three applications of the product and they went with just one. Mr. McGraw said it was pretty successful where they treated. Mr. McGraw said they are waiting to spread the seed and said they will be doing that in the late fall before snow. Mr. McGraw said it was 2 acres instead of 3 acres they had requested.

Chairman Fulton asked the public for follow-up on the forestry report. There was none. Mr. Najjar asked about the hemlock and pesticide. Jeremy said they looked into it.

2) **Eversource**

Kris Wilkes (VHB) said Eversource is looking at outdated equipment and updating it. Mr. Wilkes said they look at outage frequencies, access and other issues. Mr. Wilkes said it starts at River Road and goes to Goffstown and said only .5 miles is in the Town of Weare. Mr. Wilkes said there would be a total of 86 poles but of those only 16 would be in the Town of Weare. Mr. Wilkes said Eversource would replace the poles in the right-of-way but push them back a little and said they would be removed in wetlands. Mr. Wilkes said there would only be temporary impact to gain access to do the work and said they have submitted their permits for DES and wetlands acts. Mr. Wilkes said they will use River Road and travel down the right-of-way and use the lowest point for right-of-way. Mr. Wilkes said Eversource will cut the old poles flush to the ground and said the new poles will be imbedded into the ground. Chairman Fulton asked if the poles would be bigger and Wilkes said yes, they would be about 5-10 ft taller. Chairman Fulton asked if abutters would be notified. Lauren Malerick said people were notified in May of the blazing and again in September with the full plan. Mr. Najjar asked about wildlife habitat in the area and Mr. Wilkes listed a few

animals that were spotted. Chairman Fulton asked if there would be any tree clearing. Mr. Wilkes said there would be some mowing and said there may be some minor tree clearing so there would be 50' clearing to centerline. Kurt Nelson said Eversource values the habitat along the corridor.

- 3) **Trail Inventory RFP Status** – Mr. Najjar said he went to the Board of Selectman and said they were supportive. Mr. Najjar said they need to get it out to contractors and advertisers. Chairman Fulton asked if it can be sent to Naomi Bolton or Mary to be added to the website under RFP's. Mr. Najjar said they have \$2,500. Mr. Najjar read the RFP and said they will need to pick a date. Chairman Fulton asked about having bids in by January 10, 2017. The board talked briefly about where to advertise. Mr. Najjar said he will be emailing it out to everyone. Mr. Najjar will be sending this out.
- 4) **Collins Landing Monitoring** – Chairman Fulton asked Mr. Jackson to handle doing this. Chairman Fulton said there was a timber harvest about five years ago.
- 5) **Budget Information** – Chairman Fulton said the NHACC dues for 2017 will be \$363.00, the Ciampi Fund has a balance of \$650, NHTOA requested more money for their Annual Fund. Chairman Fulton said there is NHTOA farm tractor for forestry workshop this weekend and next weekend there is a NH Timber Harvesting Council Loggers & Truckers Convention. Chairman Fulton said anyone could attend if they wanted to. Chairman Fulton said on November 12, 2016 is NHACC Annual Meeting & Conference.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bolton moved to adjourn at 9:25 pm. Mr. Jackson seconded. Motion passed. 5-0-0.