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CONSERVATION COMMISSION AGENDA – OCTOBER 11, 2017 DRAFT MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 7:19 PM by Chairman Fulton

Members present: Andy Fulton, Jeff Jackson, Bill Bolton, Steve Najjar

Guests: Tom Jones (Piscataquog Land Conservancy)

Mail:

- Thank you letter from Barry Conservation 4H Camp, thank you from Larry Barker. Campers name was Bethany
- Invoice form NH Association of Conservation Commissions, membership dues

Other stuff:

- Site plan review 21 B&B Lane

Comment to Craig regarding wetlands stamp on Commercial property plans

- Trapping request

Steve Najjar **motioned** and Bill Bolton seconded the motion to approve Glen Dubois' annual request for permission to trap at the Wood Family Forest; all voted in favor and the **motion passed**. Mr. Fulton signed the trapping permit and returned the paperwork to Merry Rice for BOS consideration.

- Guest Tom Jones to discuss easements on town forest property

Mr. Najjar mentioned that there was a warrant article passed that allows the conservation commission to work with PLC. Discussion ensued regarding whether it makes sense to pick a property and put together some costs. We are discussing whether or not to put all town forests under one easement. Stewardship is a cost driver. Mr. Jackson asked about whether or not the town forester would continue to blaze and check encroachment. The idea is that stewardship may be less costly to PLC and therefore the town.

We agreed to have Mr. Jones put together some costs and also get an idea of funding sources besides Conservation funds. Mr. Najjar will get book and page information to Mr. Jones for evaluation. There was some talk about the Chipmunk Falls area but we may have additional opportunities to add land to the area in the future. We concluded to look at Town Forests only. Mr. Jones left the meeting at 7:52 pm.

- Mr. Najjar discussed the status of the imminent Ferrin Pond forestry harvest work. He noted that a proposed crossing of Ferrin Brook was decided against so there will be two log landing areas constructed. The logger (DL Hardwick) is scheduled to meet with the Planning Board regarding potential rock wall impacts. And Mr. Najjar emailed contract Town Forester Jeremy Turner to see that the logger uses steel plate to reinforce two stone culverts along the portion of class VI Mountain Road that will be traversed by logging trucks and machinery.

- Discussion between Mr. Najjar and Mr. Fulton continued on what parcels may be available in the Chipmunk Falls area. Mr. Najjar confirmed the purchase of parcels from Colombo et. al was recently completed, with closing documents distributed by mail for the required signatures.

Mr. Bolton motioned and Mr. Najjar seconded, all voted in favor, and meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Jackson and Andy Fulton (WCC Members)