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**Conservation Commission**

*Andrew Fulton, Chairman*

*Stephen Najjar, Vice-Chair*

*William Bolton*

*Lori Davis*

*Sherry Burdick*

*Michael Camacho*

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**  
**NOVEMBER 14, 2018**

**Present:** Andrew Fulton, Steve Najjar, William Bolton, Michael Camacho, Sherry Burdick.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

**I. DISCUSSION**

**a. FOREST MANAGEMENT**

Meadowsend Consulting submitted 2 proposals regarding contracted work for 2019. First, a required ten-year forest management plan with updates of Felch Farm and Eastman Conservation Lands, along with a second proposal, which will assist the attainment of a completed survey monumentation at Collins Ledge. Mr. Najjar questioned why the Conservation Commission isn't following the purchase policies. He stated *Laura Spector* needs to set up the long-term contract. A simpler option, is to do what we have been doing - denote the Town Forester/forest activities with exempt status. Another complicated part to recognize, with all consulting foresters is that with timber harvest, they operate at a percentage. This would make a ten-year contract is complicated. The recommendation would be to write a letter to the Board of Selectman to receive an exempt status for the Forestry part. Mr. Bolton agrees but feels the request should be in person. Mr. Najjar rebutted to say a letter stands as a permanent record for the Commission, but also agrees a personal visit is valuable. The clause would include verbiage such as Town Attorney, Town Engineer, Town Forester. Mr. Bolton reminded the group a long-term agreement is valuable to the Town in terms of revenue, as the knowledge gained over the years cannot be replaced in a less expensive quote. For example, Jeremy is aware of the gravesites in Phelps Farm, and he has long-term knowledge about Town Forests. Mr. Bolton expressed that Town employees could be utilized for Forestry work. Additionally, the Road Agent should have a say in development of trails, dirt road, etc. The Vice-Chair wants to meet with the Board of Selectman as soon as possible, the first date just after Thanksgiving. A decision was made that Mr. Najjar will script a letter to Naomi to request this special meeting. He then shared unpaid invoices with the other Board members.

**b. CORTLAND ESTATE UPDATE**

The property owners are selling lots on the property that have not been surveyed. Ms. Spector,

the Town lawyer, confirmed that easements cannot be blazed by the Board. Mr. Bolton suggested addressing this matter at the Board of Selection meeting, as well. It would be very easy to convince the Board of Selectman to vote to require having the developer himself pay for the survey, and set the pins. It's in Mr. Lamberts (property owner) interest to do this. Mr. Bolton expressed it is easier to fix the problem before construction begins. Ms. Burdick suggested that the easements should be monuments and be set with the Town Engineer. The Vice-Chair questioned how the Planning Board was enforcing the rules that are set and agreed upon. Is it their purview to check? If not, who is checking? He wanted to possibly ask the Planning Board to change their procedures and policies on this, the Town should not take the easement. Mr. Bolton sustained that it is a lot cheaper to deal with this issue now, and suggested that with an enforcement entity it could be done. On a side note, Mr. Bolton personally expressed to Mr. Najjar that he has gotten flack about easements for not only for the snowmobiling club, but for all public use. Mr. Najjar expressed there is nothing Mr. Bolton has done wrong. Mr. Bolton suggested that the Commission should focus on what it is good at - Town Forest and Conservation, not on Trail systems. Other invoices were noted without comment by the Board including the Mowing Bill from Gary Wilson and membership dues to the NH Association of Conservation Commissions.

Steve Najjar excused himself from the meeting at 8:17 PM.

#### **c. MINUTES**

The Chair reviewed prior minutes and the Board made the following motions:

- July 11, 2018: Mr. Bolton motioned to accept, Ms. Burdick seconded. All approved 4-0.
- October 10, 2018: Mr. Bolton motioned to accept, Mr. Camacho seconded. Mr. Burdick abstained, 3-1-0.

#### **d. NHDES/Wetlands Bureau Correspondence**

The Commission reviewed for comment:

- 10/4/18 – 353 Reservoir Drive: Letter from DES advising they accepted an application for a permit that impacts jurisdictional shore land (a detailed application must be submitted within 30 days). No comment from the Board.
- 10/5/18 – 351 South Stark Hwy: Letter of deficiency where DES conducted an inspection and observed activity on the property that needed a follow-up. DES provided Pitbull Realty (owner) a timeline to follow. Noted without comment.
- 10/8/18 – 45 Woodfern Road: This letter shows DES accepted an application for a permit on 11/7/18 submitted by Meridian Land Services, which was noted without comment.
- 10/11/18 – East Shore Drive: Letter from DES advising that they conducted an inspection to determine compliance. They determined no evidence of violations. The Board had no comment.
- 10/23/18 -196 Colby Road: DES issued a Shoreland Permit to Jim Dow with conditions. Noted without comment.

**e. PLANNING BOARD Site Plan Review**

Boulia, Christopher & Marcia, 220 River Road, Tax Map 412, Lot 098. The Chair reviewed the plans with the group and noticed that the business use is not listed here. There are wetlands on the property, with a wetland buffer indicated on the plan. Mr. Camacho asked if the review included a hazardous material plan, as it would show where storage is kept and how far it was from the wetlands. The Chairman stated that there was no identified concern here.

**f. PERMIT TO TRAP**

A request was submitted for permission to trap at The Wood Family Forest. Stipulations are that he provides a report on what he takes, which would be beaver only. Approval with conditions include: trapping with approval of the Commission, no interference with Snowmobiling trails, will borrow and return gate key at end of season, follow Fish & Game rules and regulations, and at any time, the Board can rescind their vote of approval. Mr. Bolton motioned to approve, Mr. Camacho seconded, and all those other present, approved.

**III. NEXT MEETING**

To be determined. There is a possibility that the December meeting will be replaced by a special meeting with the Board of Selectman.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Bolton moved to adjourn at 8:52 PM, Ms. Burdick seconded and passed collectively with a 4-0-0 vote.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*C. Provencher*

*Transcribed from notes*