

**Town of Bristol
Conservation Commission
March 2, 2016
Meeting Minutes**

Call to order: 7:01 PM

Members Present: Janet Cote, Sandra Heaney, and Richard Batchelder.

Minutes Review and Approval: Sandra Heaney moved to approve the February 3, 2016 minutes, seconded Richard Batchelder. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Correspondence Review: Info Requests, Wetlands Permits, Planning Board, Zoning Board, etc.

Meeting Notices:

Planning Board: March 9th meeting to include a Public Hearing on cutting/trimming of scenic roads (Eversource) and a continued Site Plan regarding New England Family Housing.

New Business:

Hemlock Brook Road: Wetland Ordinance applicability update. Mrs. Cote informed the Commission that this will be discussed at a Select Board meeting as this could become a legal issue. The road has been determined to be a Class VI road by a surveyor, Colin Brown, and it is now posted as a Class VI road. The concern for the Conservation Commission is that no silt goes into Hemlock Brook and the other pond there. The hay bales are not working well there and more should have been done. It is very important to be consistent with zoning ordinance. There may be issues going forward as the Fantasias feel it is a private road. The Select Board can have them fix the road at their own cost. The Board is going to allow them to wait until spring to clean up the road and that the special permit is going to be waived unless there is any other work that will be done. Mrs. Cote commented that she feels that a special permit needs to be applied for regardless. Ms. Heaney commented that the Planning Board should make the decision whether or not to waive the special permit. Mrs. Cote commented that the road will be fixed and fixed right so that there is no impact to Hemlock Brook. The Fantasias have asked for an extension for one year.

Northern Pass SEC Application: Mrs. Cote informed the Commission that Bristol has filed for intervenor status. Christine Philmore from the town council firm is representing Bristol. Northern Pass has received over 100 intervenors filings. There have been two more hearings added.

Brett Plankey Spring: Mrs. Cote commented that the Conservation Commission should honor Mason Westfall with a plaque at the spring and a possible memorial garden there also. Mrs. Cote suggested that she could talk to the Pasquanney Garden Club regarding this. Ms. Heaney commented that a rain garden is another idea to consider. Ms. Heaney asked if there is any other conservation area for this. Mrs. Cote replied that there is a conservation area at

Profile Falls. Ms. Heaney suggested that possibility of the land at the Mica Building that is going to become a sitting area. Mrs. Cote will bring the ideas to the Select Board.

Conservation Commission Terms: Mrs. Cote spoke with Raymah Simpson regarding any appointments that need to be done. Sandra Heaney and Janet Cote are all set until 2018. Richard Batchelder and Carroll Brown are set until 2017.

April Meeting: Boyd Smith from Newfound Lake Region Association requested to come in and speak to the Commission regarding the conservation easement to protect the head of the spring.

Old Business:

Kevin Lacasse and Kent Brown (for NE Family Housing) (Bridgewater Investment Group) - 409 Lake Street Map 112 Lot 37: Alteration of Terrain Application received for building project-Planning Board Site Plan Review-32 unit multi-family apartment development. Ms. Heaney gave a synopsis of the Planning Board meeting from February. There is a right of way that needs to be figured out in the deed. UNH should be having their final review soon. Mrs. Cote commented that the LOMA did not have to be signed by the Select Board.

Catterall Property Conservation Easement-Update: On February 5, 2016, the Fire Chief and Paul Gagnon of the Forest Society looked at the location to see if the new tower will affect the easement. A copy of the deed was requested and Mrs. Cote gave them a copy. Mrs. Cote has not heard back with any issues regarding this. The fall zone is one of the questions in regards to the easement.

Tools for review: Mrs. Cote commented that after Town Meeting, the Commission should look into getting their own copies of updated maps such as wetlands and floodplain maps. Mr. Batchelder commented that the maps should agree with FEMA. Mrs. Cote replied that the assessing maps should be in agreement with FEMA. Mrs. Cote commented that there used to be Conservation handbooks and it would be nice for the members to have a copy. Mr. Batchelder suggested looking for an online version of the handbook.

2016 Budget: Ms. Heaney asked if she still needs to request the \$200 adjustment to the budget at Town Meeting. Mrs. Cote commented that the money could be left in the budget and used for legal expenses but that she sees no reason to keep it in there. Mr. Batchelder commented that it wasn't what the Commission budget was approved as. Mrs. Cote will send the budget sheet to Ms. Heaney for Town Meeting.

Work Session: Efforts will continue to purge and organize files.

Next Meeting Logistics: Next scheduled meeting April 6, 2016

Individual Tasks Assignments:

Adjournment: Mr. Batchelder made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Heaney. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Costigan, Secretary