

**Town of Bristol
Conservation Commission
May 18, 2016
Meeting Minutes**

Call to order: 7:00 PM

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

Others Present: Boyd Smith, NLRA, and Rhoda Fantasia.

Minutes Review and Approval: Sandra Heaney moved to approve the April 6, 2016 minutes as amended, seconded Richard Batchelder. Ms. Heaney noted two edits in the second paragraph on the second page. The Commission voted to approve the minutes as amended by a 3-0 vote.

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

Meeting Notices:

Planning Board: May 25th for a PPC regarding Davidson's Campground to add camp sites.

New Business:

NH DES File# 2014-01355 Devost Yacht Club Condominium Map 108 Lot 51- approval to dredge no more than 64 cubic yards of sand from 2,070 sq. ft. of previously dredged slip areas and repair 227 linear feet of retaining wall "in kind" and plant approximately 90 linear feet of vegetated buffer adjacent to the wall on 295 ft. of frontage on Newfound Lake.

NH DES File# 2016-00836 Sharp Revocable Trust c/o Michael Sharp Wetlands Minimum Impact Forestry Notification Map 209 Lot 15- notice to start work for timber cutting for forest management purposes only and not for current or future development. The authorization is valid through April 15, 2018.

Brett-Plankey Spring: Ms. Heaney informed the Commission that a resident was sent to her home to report some vandalism that happened at the spring. The man reported that the well cover was removed and the spigot was turned off. The man entered the well and turned the spigot back on to fix it. Ms. Heaney informed the man that he should call the water department the next time this happens. The Commission agreed that the spring will need to be closed and then tested for contamination. The spring will need to be cleaned.

By-Laws: Mrs. Cote distributed a copy of the By-Laws to the Commission for review for re-adoption at the next meeting.

Old Business:

Louis Eyster Spring Proposal – A response letter was signed by the members of the Commission. The letter was read into the record and will be placed with the minutes at the town offices. The signed copy will be sent to Mr. Eyster.

Brett-Plankey Spring: Boyd Smith informed the Commission that the next step is to contact the land owners. Mrs. Cote commented that Carroll Brown volunteered to talk to the owners. Mr. Smith volunteered to go with Mr. Brown. Mr. Smith commented that if the owner is interested the financial piece can be discussed. The Forest Society or the Lakes Region Conservation Trust would be interested in the proposal. Mr. Smith suggested that it would be a good idea to have someone who knows the family could have a conversation as the first outreach with the owners. Mrs. Cote replied that she will get in contact with Shawn Lagueux regarding this.

Hemlock Brook Road - Rhoda Fantasia informed the Commission that the minutes of March 2nd refer to the brook as Hemlock Brook and that the brook is an unnamed brook according to deeds and a subdivision plan. Mrs. Cote checked the Water Resource Map of Bristol and the map shows that the Brook is considered Hemlock Brook all the way up. This is the resource the Commission used while referencing the brook. Ms. Fantasia commented that the deed states it is an unnamed brook. Mrs. Cote replied that the Commission will take this under advisement. Ms. Fantasia commented that the minutes state that the hay bales were not working. Ms. Fantasia informed the Commission that she had discussions with DES and the superintendent of the highway department in town and did implement their suggestions. The amount of silt has diminished by at least 90% according to Ms. Fantasia and the hay bales are working. Mrs. Cote replied that the advice in March was to use more hay bales so the increase in the number of hay bales is working. Ms. Fantasia reminded the Commission that she did send a letter asking for help on the Special Use Permit and that she never heard back. Mrs. Cote replied that the Planning Board has the purview over the Special Use permit and the Planning Board sent it back to the Select Board with recommendations to protect the brook. Ms. Fantasia asked what the Special Use permit is for. Mrs. Cote replied that it is for the impact within 50 feet of a brook or pond and the work that happened in the road was within 50 feet. Ms. Heaney commented that there is no construction allowed within the 50 foot buffer without permission from the Planning Board and that the Planning Board asks the Conservation Commission for advice and recommendations regarding the permits. Mrs. Cote commented that the Planning Board has purview over the Wetlands Ordinance. Ms. Fantasia gave an update on the road. Grass has been planted and there is no silt as the hay bales are working. Some of the ditching has been cleaned out. Ms. Fantasia commented that she did not formally ask for a one year extension and was rebuffed by the town administrator and the work on the road has been constrained by the Select Board. Mrs. Cote suggested that Ms. Fantasia go to the Planning Board for the Special Use permit as the best practices, as defined by DES, will be outlined in the permit. Mrs. Cote asked if it will be a year before the road is finalized. Ms. Fantasia replied that it is a good idea to let the vegetation take hold and to revisit it in September 2016. Ms. Fantasia commented that the town contractor will be doing the work when it is finalized. Mrs. Cote replied that the contractor will get some directives regarding best practices also. Ms. Fantasia will keep the Conservation Commission informed regarding the

silt infiltration.

Memorial Rain Garden – Mrs. Cote informed the Commission that she had talked with Town Administrator Nik Coates regarding the idea of a memorial garden at the Mica lot. Mrs. Cote will schedule another meeting with Mr. Coates regarding the funding aspects of the project and to get the Select Board approval of the project. A dedication ceremony can be held to recognize Mason Westfall once the project is complete.

Northern Pass SEC Application – Mrs. Cote informed the Commission that the information that Ms. Heaney put together was submitted to the town administrator and it has been forwarded to town counsel. A summary from the five towns will be put together. The biggest point should the project go through is to make sure the mitigation at Red Fox is done to protect Newfound Lake. The road crossing issue needs to be looked at also. The SEC Committee should be the ones to get an expert to look at the information submitted by the towns.

NE Family Housing – Ms. Heaney informed the Commission that the Planning Board approved the Site Plan Review subject to conditions. The plan will be re-submitted so that the plan will show the access roadway as a “street” which will allow the development to comply with the frontage requirement in the Zoning Ordinance. This plan should include a sidewalk and a snow removal plan if the right-of-way is narrower than required regulations.

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

Next Meeting Logistics: Next scheduled meeting June 1, 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 8:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Costigan, Secretary