

# Grantham Conservation Commission

## MINUTES

MAY 15, 2017

300 ROUTE 10 SOUTH, GRANTHAM, NH

MEETING CALLED BY	Chairman David Wood
TYPE OF MEETING	Regular Meeting of the Conservation Commission
FACILITATOR	Chairman David Wood
NOTE TAKER	Nikki Arsenault
COMMISSION MEMBERS	David Wood, Richard Hocker, Dennis Ryan, Laura Nagy, John Larrabee
ABSENT	Sue Buchanan, Rich Kaszeta

Chair David Wood called the Grantham Conservation Commission to order on Monday, May 15, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room at Grantham Town Hall located at 300 Route 10 South in Grantham, NH.

### APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 17, 2017 MEETING

<b>DISCUSSION</b>		
Wood asked if there were any additions, corrections, or modification to the draft meeting minutes for the April 17, 2017 meeting.		
The following corrections were suggested:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Under "New Business" – Wood suggested spelling out Renee Gustafson and Kristina Burgard's names</li> <li>• Wood further suggested switching "moved" to "removed" under the section regarding the pine tree.</li> </ul>		
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>		
There being no additional changes to the minutes, Wood announced that he would entertain a motion to approve the April 17, 2017 minutes as amended.		
A motion was made by Nagy to approve the April 17, 2017 minutes; second by Hocker. There being no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote.		
<b>Unanimously Approved &amp; Accepted</b>		
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>		
Meeting minutes for this meeting will be completed within five business days.	Nikki Arsenault	05/22/2017

### OLD BUSINESS – CUTTING APPLICATIONS AND EAB PROJECT – LARRABEE & NAGY

<p>Nagy noted that there were no Shoreline Cutting Applications this month.</p> <p>Emerald Ash Borer project – Nagy noted that this item can be taken off of the agenda because the event has taken place and there is no follow up required for the project.</p> <p>Chair Wood – Should there be an inventory for the number of Ash Borer in Eastman? Should money be set aside for removing hazardous trees; should a contingency fund be established? Wood continued that the GCC could potentially make an inventory of the trees that might be involved and then obtain a price quote for removing these trees. Larrabee questioned what Concord is doing in response to this, and Wood replied that he checked two years ago and at that time there was not a great deal of action being taken (including counting). Nagy explained that they are trying to circulate with campers and campsites an approved list of places to purchase wood in the state. Nagy noted that she's not sure how much an inventory will be helpful. Chairman Wood suggested potentially completing a smaller inventory, or spot checking in Grantham and Eastman. Chair Wood further asked if it is even worth putting a warrant article forward to ask for funds to be set aside for this purpose. If so, how much should be set aside per year? This would require an estimate of the number of the trees as well as an estimate of the cost to deal with said trees. Hocker noted that</p>
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money that comes out of surplus has in the past be used for this type of project; he added that he believes it is important to get an idea of the number of trees that might be affected by this.		
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>		
Wood – let's get an idea of how big this problem is and the GCC will go from there.		
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Potential future item suggested by Ryan – if trees are taken down, is there a way to determine a list of people in need of firewood?	All	n/a
Nagy agreed to check with her network at UNH	Nagy	ASAP

OLD BUSINESS – TOWN FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN – HOCKER / WOOD

<b>DISCUSSION</b>		
Hocker reported that Laura French has everything she needs but will not be able to get out into the woods anytime soon; they are very busy right now. This item was paid and the front-end work for GCC's project will commence at the beginning of June.		
<b>CONCLUSION</b>		
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
None at this time.		

OLD BUSINESS – POLLINATOR GARDENS – HOCKER

<b>DISCUSSION</b>		
Hocker noted that to the best of his knowledge the project is on track. A kiosk for the site is in pieces in his garage. Master Gardener Interns are currently completing an application for funding from the Eastman Charitable Foundation. Following a question from Wood, Hocker noted that the two trees in the apple orchard at Brookside Park have not yet been removed.		
Bee hotels – Larrabee noted that it is almost time to clean the ones from last year; they need to be washed with bleach every other year. Can a study be done regarding their efficacy? He further reported that they would like to install the Little Free Library sometime in July.		
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>		
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
None at this time.		

OLD BUSINESS – PROGRESS IN TRAIL MAPPING

<b>DISCUSSION</b>		
The Snow Dusters promised to send Wood the coordinates for all of the trails they have completed but have not yet done so.		
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	Wood announced that he would like to make some progress on this project prior to the next meeting.	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Follow-up with the Snow Dusters	Wood	

NEW BUSINESS – GRANTHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL

<b>DISCUSSION</b>		
Hocker read an email from Buchanan aloud regarding potential projects at GVS – trail clean-up day will be June 17 <sup>th</sup> from 9am – 2pm.		
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>		

Action items to be decided at a later date.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Project Status Report	Buchanan	June meeting

NEW BUSINESS – OTHER

DISCUSSION		
Porta-potty – The Commission discussed the feasibility of having one at Brookside Park, and if so, where it should be located. Should they place one permanently or temporarily (for workers)?		
Staining the bridge – Larrabee offered to help with this project, suggested the best stain to use, and also noted that he believed that the Scouts might not be the best group for this project due to the toxicity of the chemicals involved. Members further discussed the best method by which to reach the underside of the bridge.		
CONCLUSIONS		
June 5 -9 for the project – weather depending		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

**ADJOURNMENT**

Hocker asked if there was any further business. There being none, Nagy moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. and Ryan seconded the motion.

***The Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.***

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Grantham Conservation Commission will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room on Monday, June 19, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,



Nikki Arsenault