

# Grantham Conservation Commission

## MINUTES

MAY 6, 2019

300 ROUTE 10 SOUTH, GRANTHAM, NH

<b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>	Chairman David Wood
<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>	Regular Meeting of the Conservation Commission
<b>FACILITATOR</b>	Chairman David Wood
<b>NOTE TAKER</b>	David Wood
<b>COMMISSION MEMBERS</b>	David Wood, John Eylander, Dick Hocker, Rich Kaszeta, Craig McArt & Dennis Ryan
<b>ABSENT</b>	Susan Buchanan
<b>SELECTBOARD REP</b>	Peter Garland
<b>OTHER VISITORS</b>	None

Wood called the Grantham Conservation Commission to order on Monday, May 6, 2019 at 7:01 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 1, 2019 MEETING

<b>DISCUSSION</b>		
Wood asked if there were any additions, corrections, or modification to the draft minutes of the regular meeting of April 1, 2019. None were offered.		
Wood announced that he would entertain a motion to approve the minutes. A motion was made by McArt; seconded by Kaszeta. There being no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote.		
<b>Unanimously Approved &amp; Accepted</b>		
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Approved minutes will be submitted for posting	Wood	ASAP

### OLD BUSINESS – FISHER LOT

<b>DISCUSSION</b>		
<p><b>Fencing:</b> Kaszeta noted that all the posts had been set on May 4 with the help of Hocker, Kaszeta, Ryan, and Wood and that most of the wiring was strung on May 6 by Wood and Kaszeta. It remains to brace several of the posts, complete the gate, install the solar panel and make the final connections. Kaszeta plans to purchase 2x4s for the bracing.</p> <p><b>Cemetery:</b> Ryan confirmed the interest expressed by the Grantham Girl Scouts in renovating the cemetery. He plans to meet with the scouts to look at the area on May 8 at 3:30. The orientation of the fence around the cemetery was discussed, and the commission agreed that reversing the orientation so that the entrance is in front of the face of the grave stone seemed appropriate.</p> <p><b>Chestnuts:</b> Hocker announced that Chestnut Hill has not yet scheduled delivery to NH Walmarts.</p> <p><b>Preparation of holes:</b> All the holes needed for the chestnuts and apples were dug on May 4.</p> <p><b>Planting Supplies:</b> After a review of the additional materials needed, it was agreed that Wood would purchase 3 bags of compost, a bag of sand, 20 spiral wraps, 60 stakes, and 60 support wires. Two options for mulch were discussed. The preference was to chip the existing wood on the property. Kaszeta will discuss the possibility of borrowing a chipper from Peter James. Wood opted that an alternative would be to buy a load of wood chip. Beaulieu will deliver a load for \$50.</p> <p><b>Signs:</b> McArt announced that the directional and “You are here” signs have been received, and the posts and hardware for installation have been purchased. He requested \$581.04 be approved for reimbursement. Wood made a motion for reimbursement in the amount requested to be withdrawn from the Sherwood Forest fund. Kaszeta seconded. There being no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote.</p>		

**Unanimously Approved & Accepted** (Note: An expenditure of up to \$600 had already been authorized at the April 1 meeting.)

**Plans for watering:** Wood noted that the new trees should be watered with at least 1 gallon up to twice a week and asked for suggestions of how to accomplish that. Hocker offered the use of a pump that is rated to pump 60 gal/hour to a height of 35 feet. Both Hocker and McArt offered rain barrels usable either as holding tanks or to transport water from Skinner Brook. Several commissions volunteered garden hose sufficient to reach the site and from the barrel to at least some of the trees. Wood suggested that the system should be tested before the trees arrive.

**Kiosk Display:** Kaszeta pointed out that the kiosk at the Fisher Lot has a page saying "Welcome to the Smith Lot". He offered to print a corrected welcome and insert it.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Request removal of old posts on Miller Pond Rd (carry over from April)	Wood	ASAP
Learn about the Am chestnuts being planted by New London CC (carry over)	Hocker	5/6/19
Determine the best source for wood chip	Kaszeta / Wood	ASAP
Test irrigation system	Hocker	ASAP
Print "Welcome to the Fisher Lot"	Kaszeta	ASAP

**OLD BUSINESS – Shoreland Cutting Applications**

DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
No applications were received this month.			
	None		

**NEW BUSINESS – MEMBERSHIP IN SPNHF**

DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Wood announced that a request to join SPNHF has been received. After some discussion, Hocker moved to contribute \$100 from operating funds assuming that sufficient funds remain available. Kaszeta seconded. There being no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote.			
<b>Unanimously Approved &amp; Accepted</b>			
	Confirm current operating fund balance	Wood	ASAP
	Submit request for payment to SPNHF as appropriate	Wood	ASAP

**NEW BUSINESS – PUBLIC RELATIONS**

DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
McArt obtained the prices for preparation of the NW Trails Brochure. 250 copies would cost \$195, whereas 500 cost \$230. It was agreed that the large run would be more economical. Brochures should be placed at Town Hall, in the kiosk at the Fisher lot, and be distributed at Old Home Day. McArt moved that \$250 be allotted from the operating budget for the printing of 500 copies of the brochure and purchase of a mailbox for the Fisher Lot. Kaszeta seconded. There being no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote.			
<b>Unanimously Approved &amp; Accepted</b>			
	Initiate printing of 500 brochures	McArt	ASAP
	Purchase mailbox	McArt	ASAP

**NEW BUSINESS – EARTH DAY**

DISCUSSION		
Buchanan submitted a report concerning the success of the Brookside Park clear up in recognition of Earth Day. Subsequently, Hocker and Renee Gustafson cleaned up the fallen apple trees in the orchard.		
	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None		

**HANDOUTS / ACTIVITIES**

Wood announced that Ausbon-Sargent will be holding a monitoring workshop on June 5 from 2:00-5:30 beginning at its office in New London. Attendance is free, but registration is required. Wood and Ryan plan to attend.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Wood asked if there was any further business. There being none, Kaszeta moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. and McArt 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 3, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

David Wood  
Grantham Conservation Commission Chair