

# Grantham Conservation Commission

## MINUTES

JUNE 3, 2019

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	David Wood
COMMISSION MEMBERS	Susan Buchanan, John Eylander, Dick Hocker, Rich Kaszeta, Craig McArt, Dennis Ryan & David Wood
ABSENT	None
SELECTBOARD REP	Peter Garland
OTHER VISITORS	None

Wood called the Grantham Conservation Commission to order on Monday, June 3, 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 MAY 6, 2019 MEETING

DISCUSSION		
Wood asked if there were any additions, corrections, or modification to the draft minutes of the regular meeting of May 6, 2019. Ryan requested one change.		
Wood announced that he would entertain a motion to approve the minutes as revised. A motion was made by Kaszeta; seconded by Hocker. There being no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote.		
<b>Unanimously Approved &amp; Accepted</b>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Approved minutes will be submitted for posting	Wood	ASAP

### OLD BUSINESS – Follow-up to April 1 Meeting

DISCUSSION		
Hocker noted that New London is planning to plant chestnuts purchased from the American Chestnut society that are American chestnuts backcrossed onto Chinese chestnuts and selected for blight resistance. They have not yet received trees. He also noted that the chestnuts planted in Eastman are labelled as Chinese chestnuts and, because they are not protected, show signs of deer browse. At the request of the GCC, Jeff Hastings has removed the old sign frame from Miller Pond Road.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None		

### OLD BUSINESS – Public Relations

DISCUSSION		
McArt announced that the brochures describing the trails of Northwest Grantham have been printed. He also purchased a mailbox and installed it on the Fisher Lot kiosk. Brochures were then placed in the mailbox and at the Town Office. Reimbursement for the project was approved at the May 6 <sup>th</sup> meeting and receipts were provided to Wood to seek reimbursement.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Request reimbursement	Wood	ASAP

**OLD BUSINESS – Fisher Lot**

DISCUSSION		
<p><b>Fencing:</b> Kaszeta provided receipts for the construction of the electric fence which is now complete and operational. The total expense was \$858.66. Ryan made a motion to approve the reimbursement with funds to be drawn from the GCC supplies and operating budget; Buchanan seconded. There being no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote.</p> <p><b>Unanimously Approved &amp; Accepted</b></p> <p><b>Chestnuts:</b> On May 28, Chris Buchanan and Wood purchased 3 large and 12 small Dunstan chestnuts from the Hooksett Walmart for \$566.52. Of these, one large and one small tree were purchased by Hocker for \$85.00. The remaining trees were planted at the Fisher lot on May 31 and June 1. Kaszeta moved to reimburse Wood \$481.52 from the GCC supply and operating fund; seconded by Ryan. There being no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote.</p> <p><b>Unanimously Approved &amp; Accepted</b></p> <p><b>Planting Supplies:</b> Wood announced that as agreed at the May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting he had purchased lime, sand, manure, and spiral wrap as well as electric fence warning signs and a 4x4 to complete the foot bridge totaling \$88.31. Buchanan moved to reimburse Wood from the GCC supply and operating funds; seconded by Ryan. There being no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote.</p> <p><b>Unanimously Approved &amp; Accepted</b></p> <p><b>Cemetery:</b> Ryan noted that the tree at the cemetery has now leafed out and need not be removed. Eylander noted that it could be an ash and will, therefore, be vulnerable to the emerald ash borer. It should be identified.</p> <p><b>Kiosk Display:</b> Hocker announced that Renee Gustafson has updated the display in the kiosk with special attention to replacing the name “Smith Lot” with the preferred “Fisher Lot”. The Commission expressed its appreciation for her work.</p> <p><b>Plans:</b> Wood noted that wood chip has been requested from Joe Beaulieu and is expected this week. Liquid Lawn has been contacted and is scheduling the hydro seeding of clover and a second lime and fertilization of the grass and floral areas. The latter expense has already been paid. Buchanan asked about a schedule to water and it was agreed that between the rain and frequent work on the lot a schedule to water is not yet necessary. Hocker has supplied a pump and generator that is currently able to deliver water satisfactorily.</p>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Determine the species of tree at the Fisher cemetery	Wood	ASAP
Request reimbursements as approved	Wood	ASAP

**OLD BUSINESS – Shoreland Cutting Applications**

DISCUSSION		
<p>Two applications were received this month for 5 Trillium Lane and East Lake Condos, both at Eastman and both approved.</p>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None		

**OLD BUSINESS – Hastings’ Lot**

DISCUSSION		
<p>Wood noted that, because neither the Selectmen nor the Planning Board support the purchase of the Hastings’ lot on Leavitt Pond Rd, he has notified Mrs. Hastings that she should seek a new buyer.</p>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None		

**OLD BUSINESS – NW Grantham Trail Signs**

DISCUSSION		
<p>McArt noted that he removed the directional sign originally located at the intersection of Miller Pond Rd and Rt 10 after it was bent. He has partially straightened it and plans to return it to the site.</p> <p>Garland noted that Richard Monica had complained to the Selectman that the parking sign at the end of Miller Pond Rd had been</p>		

placed on his property.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Replace NW Grantham Trails sign	McArt	ASAP
Contact Monica and resolve sign location	Wood	ASAP

**NEW BUSINESS – Consultation Expense**

DISCUSSION		
Wood announced that Turner has asked for approval to meet with Bunnell to discuss repair of Mountain Rd and logging on the Town Forest and Fisher lot. Wood noted that the cost of consultation is typically less than \$200. Buchanan moved that we approve the cost of consultation; McArt seconded. There being no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote.		
Unanimously Approved & Accepted		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Inform Turner of approval	Wood	ASAP

**NEW BUSINESS – OLD HOME DAY**

DISCUSSION		
Buchanan reminded the commission that Old Home Day is coming on July 4. Hocker agreed to provide his collection of animal parts. McArt will bring the NW Grantham Trails brochure. Kaszeta offered to provide a map and renew the scavenger hunt.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Inform Town of GCC participation	Buchanan	ASAP

**NEW BUSINESS – Parking on Miller Pond Rd**

DISCUSSION		
Hocker reminded us that in 2010 the select board agreed to make parking on the north side of Miller Pond Rd illegal. He asked if that restriction was still in effect. Garland agreed to review the rule.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Review parking on Miller Pond Rd	Garland	ASAP

**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, Eylander moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. and Buchanan 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, July 1, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

David Wood  
Grantham Conservation Commission Chair