

Grantham Conservation Commission

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 2, 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	Richard Hocker, Craig McArt, Dennis Ryan & David Wood
ABSENT	Susan Buchanan, John Eylander, Rich Kaszeta
SELECTBOARD REP	Constance Jones
OTHER VISITORS	None

Wood called the Grantham Conservation Commission to order on Monday, Sept 2, 2019 at 7:05 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 AUGUST 5, 2019 MEETING

DISCUSSION		
Wood asked if there were any additions, corrections, or modification to the draft minutes of the regular meeting of Aug 5, 2019. Ryan and McArt requested changes.		
Wood announced that he would entertain a motion to approve the minutes as revised. A motion was made by McArt; seconded by Hocker. There being no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote.		
Unanimously Approved & Accepted		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Approved minutes will be submitted for posting	Wood	ASAP

OLD BUSINESS – Fisher Lot

DISCUSSION		
Liming and Clover: Wood reported that on Sept 20 following York raking by Hocker, clover seed mixed with Mag-I-Cal lime was spread by McArt, Ryan and Wood in the regions not seeded with flowers or grass. As of Aug 30, Wood found no evidence that the clover had germinated. Wood requested reimbursement of \$234.10 for the purchase of the clover seed and lime. A motion was made by Ryan; seconded by McArt. There being no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote.		
Unanimously Approved & Accepted		
Liquid Lawn Refund: As of Aug 26, the anticipated refund from Liquid Lawn had not been received. Wood plans to contact the company in the next few weeks.		
Mowing & Liming: The mowing of the meadow was completed by Ed Buckman on Aug 16. Buckman has been unable to obtain the required amount of wood ash needed to treat the meadow; the GCC is now waiting to receive his proposal to spread 8 tons of dolomite lime on the meadow.		
Cemetery: Wood repeated his thanks to Ryan for the upgrading of the cemetery and complimented McArt for the creation of a trail through the forest from the log landing to the cemetery.		
Parking on Miller Pond Rd: Selectwoman Jones agreed to look into the question of whether an ordinance exists restricting parking at the side of Miller Pond Rd.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

Follow up with Liquid Lawn	Wood	10/7/19
Contact Cemetery Committee about renewal	Ryan	ASAP
Investigate parking restrictions on Miller Pond Rd	Jones/Garland	ASAP

OLD BUSINESS – Town Forest Logging

DISCUSSION		
Wood reviewed the answers supplied by Jeremy Turner to the GCC’s questions regarding the planned logging on the Town Forest. Selectwoman Jones noted that a survey of the Monica property has been requested to determine whether the current roadbed crosses his property. Wood then moved that the GCC accept the bid from HB Logging LLC requesting up to \$12,000 for the upgrade of the Meriden road with 20% to be paid upfront by the GCC and the remainder to come from the proceeds of the logging. The motion was seconded by Hocker. There being no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote.		
Unanimously Approved & Accepted		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Review GCC questions with Turner	Wood	ASAP
Determine whether the road repair benefits Grantham Emergency/Fire	Wood	ASAP

OLD BUSINESS – Trail Finder

DISCUSSION		
The draft descriptions of the trails in the Town Forest and Sherwood Forest were reviewed and numerous corrections suggested.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Forward revisions to Center for Community GIS	Wood	ASAP

OLD BUSINESS – Wetland Mitigation for Kennebec

DISCUSSION		
No new action.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None		

OLD BUSINESS – Shoreland Cutting Applications

DISCUSSION		
None		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None		

NEW BUSINESS – Expedited Wetland Permit

DISCUSSION		
Wood presented a request for expedited review of a proposal for driveway construction on lot 225-070. Wood moved to approve the proposal; seconded by Hocker. There being no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote.		
Unanimously Approved & Accepted		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Sign off expedited review	Wood	Immediate

NEW BUSINESS – Federal Grant for Conservation

DISCUSSION		
Wood announced that he had received information about a federal grant program designed for conservation. He stated that he did not believe there was a GCC project matching the grant conditions, but asked if another GCC member was interested in reviewing the information. It was suggested that Susan Buchanan might be willing to review it.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Forward grant information to Buchanan for review	Wood	ASAP

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wood asked if there was any further business. There being none, Ryan moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 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, October 7, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

David Wood
Grantham Conservation Commission Chair