

Grantham Conservation Commission

MINUTES

OCTOBER 1, 2018

300 ROUTE 10 SOUTH, GRANTHAM, NH

MEETING CALLED BY	Chairman David Wood
TYPE OF MEETING	Regular Meeting of the Conservation Commission
FACILITATOR	Chairman Dave Wood
NOTE TAKER	David Wood
COMMISSION MEMBERS	Susan Buchanan, Richard Hocker, & Dennis Ryan
ABSENT	Richard Kaszeta, John Larrabee
SELECTBOARD REP	Peter Garland
OTHER VISITORS	Brooks McCandlish

Wood called the Grantham Conservation Commission to order on Monday, Oct 1, 2018 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 SEPTEMBER 4, 2018 MEETING

DISCUSSION		
Wood asked if there were any additions, corrections, or modification to the draft minutes of the regular meeting of Sept 4, 2018. Several corrections were offered by Ryan.		
Wood announced that he would entertain a motion to approve the September minutes as modified. A motion was made by Buchanan; 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 for the Sept 4 meeting will be submitted for recording	Wood	Oct 3, 2018

OLD BUSINESS – SHERWOOD FOREST

DISCUSSION		
<p>Memorandum of Understanding: On Sept 28, Anders & Christina Höglund, the owners of Sherwood Forest, met with Steven Walker and Amanda Hollenbeck from the New Hampshire Office of Strategic Initiatives, Warren Kimball and Peter Garland from the Grantham Selectboard, Dennis Ryan and David Wood from the Grantham Conservation Commission, and Brooks McCandlish, Forester to monitor the property. Following that meeting, Wood drafted a memorandum of understanding clarifying the agreements reached by the parties with regard to compliance of the property with the conditions of its easement. The commission spent considerable time discussing and modifying the draft with input from McCandlish.</p> <p>Game Cameras: One of the concerns of the owners is incursion onto the property with motorized vehicles in violation of the easement. To monitor traffic on the property, Wood made a motion that up to \$450 be used from the Sherwood Forest Maintenance fund for the purchase of up to 3 game cameras to be installed on the property. The motion was seconded by Ryan. There being no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote.</p> <p>Unanimously Approved & Accepted</p>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Submit the revised draft memorandum to Walker and Hollenbeck for comment	Wood	ASAP
Submit the revised draft memorandum to the Selectboard for approval	Wood	Following state

OLD BUSINESS – SMITH LOT

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hydroseeding of grasses is complete; flower seeding is planned for the week of Oct 29. Options for the planting of the orchard were discussed. I was agreed to purchase about 15 chestnuts from Walmart and transport them ourselves for planting in the spring. Additionally, several crabapples and fire blight resistant apples, such as Freedom apples, will be purchased and planted. Hocker recommended that the most cost effective protection against browsers would be an solar powered 3-strand electric fence. Fencing would require a 6 volt battery (~\$170), 25 6 foot fence posts and 1,000 ft of wire. 		
ACTION ITEM	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Initiate contract with Liquid Lawn to hydroseed	Wood	ASAP

OLD BUSINESS – DIRECTION SIGN FOR CONSERVATION LAND

DISCUSSION		
The design for the sign for the Town Forest, Smith Lot and Sherwood forest was discussed, but no decisions were made in the absence of John Larrabee. Ryan suggested that the name “Smith Lot” should be reconsidered.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Recommend new sign design and construction	Larrabee	Nov 5, 2018

NEW BUSINESS – TOWN WARRANTS

DISCUSSION		
Warrants at the next Town Meeting may be required for the purchase of land and to increase the funds available in the Land Conservation Fund. Clarification is needed concerning the requirements for the expenditure of funds from the Land Conservation Fund for land acquisition.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Clarify the requirements for land purchase	Wood & Hocker	Nov 5, 2018
Prepare a draft warrant to increase the Land Conservation Fund	Wood	Nov 5, 2018

NEW BUSINESS – UPCOMING EVENTS

DISCUSSION		
Wood noted that the annual meeting of the NHACC will be at Pembroke School on Nov 3. All GCC members are invited to attend. Registration expenses will be covered.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None		

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wood asked if there was any further business. There being none, Wood moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m.; seconded by Ryan.

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 Nov 5, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
David Wood
Chair, Grantham Conservation Commission