

# Grantham Conservation Commission

## MINUTES

NOVEMBER 5, 2018

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>	Susan Buchanan, Richard Kaszeta, John Larrabee, Laura Nagy & Dennis Ryan
<b>ABSENT</b>	Richard Hocker
<b>SELECTBOARD REP</b>	Peter Garland
<b>OTHER VISITORS</b>	None

Wood called the Grantham Conservation Commission to order on Monday, Nov. 5, 2018 at 7:03 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

<b>DISCUSSION</b>		
Wood asked if there were any additions, corrections, or modification to the draft minutes of the regular meeting of Oct 1, 2018. Several corrections were offered by Ryan.		
Wood announced that he would entertain a motion to approve the October minutes as modified. A motion was made by Nagy; seconded by Buchanan. 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 for the Oct 1 meeting will be submitted for recording	Wood	Nov 6, 2018

### OLD BUSINESS – SHERWOOD FOREST

<b>DISCUSSION</b>		
<b>Memorandum of Understanding:</b> The draft memo edited at the October GCC meeting was forwarded to Steve Walker at Fish & Game for comment and his comments together with the draft sent onto the Selectboard for review.		
<b>Game Cameras:</b> Three cameras were purchased as approved at the October GCC meeting and installed. After a week, the cameras had recorded several deer and a coyote as well as one hiker. No inappropriate activity was found. Nagy volunteered to assist in monitoring the cameras.		
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Complete the agreement concerning the easement	Wood	ASAP
Coordinate camera monitoring with Nagy	Wood	Dec 3, 2018

### OLD BUSINESS – SMITH LOT

<b>DISCUSSION</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hydroseeding of the wildflower mix is planned for the coming week.</li> <li>Wood asked for authorization to place orders for barerooted Freedom apples and Hewe's crabapples for delivery in the</li> </ul>		

spring. Larrabee moved that \$250 be withdrawn from the Conservation Fund for the purchase of the trees. Nagy seconded. There being no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote.

**Unanimously Approved & Accepted**

- At the request of Chair Wood, Kaszeta looked into the design of solar-powered electric fencing recommended by Hocker. Because the recommendations differ, Wood asked the two to work together to recommend an optimal design for approval.
- The warm spell last winter prevented the completion of the selective logging on the Smith Lot. Wood asked whether Jeremy Turner, GCC forester, should be authorized to seek a contractor to complete the logging this winter. Buchanan moved that the authorization be made; Wood seconded. There being no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote.

**Unanimously Approved & Accepted**

ACTION ITEM	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	
Order apples	Wood	ASAP
Complete the design of fencing	Hocker & Kaszeta	ASAP
Notify Turner to initiate search for logger	Wood	ASAP

**OLD BUSINESS – DIRECTIONAL SIGN FOR CONSERVATION LAND**

DISCUSSION		
Larrabee recommended installing a pointer signpost, rather than a flat directional sign like the one removed several years ago. The Commission concurred. It was suggested that a header on the signpost read “Grantham Nature Areas” while the pointers read: “Sherwood Forest Trails”, “Fisher Meadow Trail” and “Grantham Town Forest”. Larrabee recommended that the lettering be laminated.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Complete new sign design and cost estimate	Larrabee	Dec 3, 2018

**OLD BUSINESS – WELCOME SIGN FOR SHERWOOD FOREST**

DISCUSSION		
Wood announced that several signs are needed on the Sherwood Forest. He has identified “Safety Zone” signs to restrict the use of firearms and “No Motorized Vehicle” signs provided by the State for free to landowners and forwarded them to Höglund for consideration. He could not find an appropriate “Hikers Welcome” sign and suggested that the GCC design one. Nagy recommended that Craig McArt be asked if he would design a welcome sign.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Seek assistance from Craig McArt	Wood	Dec 3, 2018

**OLD BUSINESS – SHORELAND CUTTING APPLICATIONS**

DISCUSSION		
Nagy and Larrabee approved two applications last month. Nagy announced that RSA 483:B has recently been revised. She has not yet reviewed the new law, but suspects that modifications may be required to make Grantham’s cutting application consistent with the new law. Nagy suggested that consideration might also be given to recommending that Grantham adopt more stringent regulations than those in RSA 483:B. Larrabee noted that chloride and turbidity has increased in Eastman Pond in 2018.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Review the current RSA 483:B regulations and recommend appropriate action	Nagy	Dec 3, 2018

**OLD BUSINESS – HUNT FOR GRANTHAM HISTORY**

DISCUSSION		
In September the GCC agreed to extend the deadline for the Hunt for Grantham History. Kaszeta is planning to take the Hunt to the GVS. Wood recommended that the description of the Hunt be added to the GCC webpage.		

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Have information about the Hunt added to the GCC webpage	Kaszeta	ASAP

**OLD BUSINESS – PREPARATION FOR LAND PURCHASE**

DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Wood announced that he is trying to determine the procedures required for land purchase and will attempt to finalize at the Nov 28 Selectboard meeting. Because of the anticipated demands on the Land Preservation Capital Reserve Fund, Wood also plans to ask the Selectboard for guidance on the best procedure to use to add to the CRF and the amount they would recommend adding.			
	Seek Selectboard advice on requirements for land purchase	Wood	Nov 28, 2018
	Seek Selectboard advice on enhancement of the Land Preservation CRF	Wood	Nov 28, 2018

**NEW BUSINESS – APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES**

DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
An invoice in the amount of \$32.50 has been received from Meadowsend for consultation concerning the liming on the Smith Lot. Wood moved that the invoice be paid from GCC operating expenses; Larrabee seconded. There being no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote. <b>Unanimously Approved &amp; Accepted</b>			
	Submit invoice for payment	Wood	ASAP

**NEW BUSINESS – DREDGE AND FILL**

DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Wood announced that a notice of violation has been received regarding a fill at 4 Cote Lane. Garland stated that remediation is underway. Garland further announced his concern about paving at Sugar River Flooring.			
	Look into potential violation by Sugar River Flooring	Garland	ASAP

**NEW BUSINESS – EMERALD ASH BORER**

DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Wood announced that, in view of the advance of the infestation of emerald ash borer, the state has modified its regulations concerning the transport of wood. Ash logs can now be transported within the state only between Sept 1 and June 1 unless they are immediately debarked or treated to kill EAB or, in the case of firewood, aged in place for at least one year.			
	None		

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Wood asked if there was any further business. There being none, Wood moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 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 Dec 3, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Wood  
Chair, Grantham Conservation Commission