

Grantham Conservation Commission

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 18, 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, Richard Hocker, Rich Kaszeta, Craig McArt, Dennis Ryan & David Wood
ABSENT	
SELECTBOARD REP	Peter Garland
OTHER VISITORS	Melissa White

Wood called the Grantham Conservation Commission to order on Monday, Nov 18, 2019 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 OCTOBER 7, 2019 MEETING

DISCUSSION		
Wood asked if there were any additions, corrections, or modification to the draft minutes of the regular meeting of Oct 7, 2019. Buchanan and McArt requested changes.		
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.		
Unanimously Approved & Accepted		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Approved minutes will be submitted for posting	Wood	ASAP

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

DISCUSSION		
<u>In accordance with RSA 91-A:3 Section II-d a motion was made by Eylander; seconded by Kaszeta to go into Non-Public session at 7:10 PM.</u> Present were: Wood, Buchanan, Eylander, Hocker, Kaszeta, McArt and Ryan together with White and Garland.		
Roll call vote to enter Non-Public Session:	Wood	Yes
	Buchanan	Yes
	Eylander	Yes
	Hocker	Yes
	Kaszeta	Yes
	McArt	Yes
	Ryan	Yes
A motion in favor of the proposal was made by Eylander; seconded by Kaszeta. There being no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote. Unanimously Approved & Accepted		
<u>Motion to Adjourn non-public session was made by Kaszeta and seconded by Buchanan at 7:20 pm.</u> Unanimously Approved		
<u>In accordance with RSA 91-A:3 Section II-e a motion was made by Wood; seconded by Kaszeta to go into Non-Public session at 7:20 PM.</u> Present were: Wood, Buchanan, Eylander, Hocker, Kaszeta, McArt and Ryan together with White and Garland.		
Roll call vote to enter Non-Public Session:	Wood	Yes
	Buchanan	Yes

Eylander	Yes
Hocker	Yes
Kaszeta	Yes
McArt	Yes
Ryan	Yes

Motion to Adjourn non-public session was made by Kaszeta and seconded by Buchanan at 7:30 pm. Unanimously Approved

A motion was made by Kaszeta for the sealing of Non-Public Sessions minutes and was seconded by Buchanan. Unanimously Approved

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Minutes of the Non-public meeting will be submitted	Wood	ASAP

OLD BUSINESS – FISHER LOT

DISCUSSION		
<p>Cemetery: Ryan noted that he has met with the Cemetery Trustees who approved the creation of a bronze plaque showing the words originally inscribed on the boulder. The plaque will be affixed to the reverse side of the boulder. The Trustees will budget the funds required and have the plaque made. They have also recommended arranging the broken headstones around the boulder so that each can be read.</p> <p>Tree Farm Inspection: The commissioners agreed to ask Jerome Turner to complete the required Tree Farm inspection on the Fisher Lot.</p>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Ask Turner to conduct the required Tree Farm inspection at the Fisher Lot	Wood	ASAP

OLD BUSINESS – TOWN FOREST

DISCUSSION		
<p>Revision of Miller Pond Rd/Mountain Rd: Melissa White reported that Clayton Platt, the surveyor, has completed the survey of the properties and has been asked to blaze the property lines. A utility pole is currently located in the right-of-way and will need to be relocated. Melissa White will put in the required request once the comment period has expired. It was agreed to ask Turner to return to give a revised estimate of the cost of the road work required prior to the initiation of logging.</p>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Arrange for relocation of utility pole	White / Wood	Once abutter comments are received
Ask Turner to provide a new estimate of road work at Town Forest	Wood	ASAP

OLD BUSINESS – Trail Finder

DISCUSSION		
<p>Correction to background Google map: Kaszeta continues to build the required files and plans to submit the corrections to Google in January.</p>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Complete the map revision request to Google	Kaszeta	ASAP

OLD BUSINESS – NHACC MEMBERSHIP

DISCUSSION		
<p>Wood announced that he has received a thank-you letter from Barbara Richter for the continued membership of the GCC.</p>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None		

OLD BUSINESS – Wetland Mitigation for Kennebec

DISCUSSION		
Peter Garland reported that Kennebec appeared before the Selectmen asking for approval to use 30 acres of wetland owned by the company in Springfield for mitigation of the planned wetland fill at their Grantham facility. The GCC would be responsible for monitoring the conserved area in exchange for a contribution of \$10,000. The State has approved the plan, and the Grantham Selectmen also approved.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None		

OLD BUSINESS – Shoreland Cutting Applications

DISCUSSION		
One cutting application has been received and was approved.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None		

NEW BUSINESS – NHACC TRAILS FOR PEOPLE AND WILDLIFE

DISCUSSION		
McArt reviewed the above brochure from the NHACC noting that they are recommending careful consideration of the impact of trails on wildlife. He noted that when new trails are considered these ideas should be taken into account.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None		

NEW BUSINESS – ANNUAL REPORT

DISCUSSION		
Wood distributed a draft of the annual report for the GCC. Several revisions were proposed. Wood promised to distribute the revised report and asked that further suggested revisions be forwarded to him before Dec 9.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Distribute draft annual report for revision	Wood	ASAP

NEW BUSINESS – EPA GRANTS

DISCUSSION		
Eylander noted that the EPA is providing grants to support watershed studies. The grants require that a non-profit be involved. No opportunities were identified to take advantage of the opportunity.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None		

HANDOUTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wood asked if there was any further business. There being none, Eylander moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. and McArt seconded the motion.

The Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The regularly scheduled meeting on Dec 2 will be cancelled. 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, January 6, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

David Wood
Grantham Conservation Commission Chair