

**Town of Grantham
Grantham Conservation Commission**

MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 21, 2015

Chairman Hocker called the Grantham Conservation Commission to order on Monday, December 21, 2015 at 7:11 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.

Present: Chairman Richard Hocker, Laura Nagy, Rich Kaszeta, Dennis Ryan, and David Wood
Absent: Susan Buchanan

Members of the Public: none

ADMINISTRATIVE

Approval of Minutes for the November 16, 2015 Meeting

Hocker asked if there were any additions, corrections, or modifications to the draft minutes for the November 16, 2015 meeting

A motion was made by Wood to approve the November 16, 2015 minutes; second by Kaszeta. There being no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote.

Unanimously Approved & Accepted

NEW BUSINESS

Pollinators

The Commission was asked to support the Garden Club's effort to increase awareness of the plight of the pollinators. After some discussion it was decided that since Nagy and Wood were part of the group which was actively engaged in the planning by the group, no further action would be needed by GCC at this time.

Bobcat Trapping

The commission was asked by the Stoddard Conservation Commission to support their opposition to the proposed NH Fish and Game trapping season for Bobcats. After discussion, the GCC, on a motion by Wood and a second by Kaszeta, voted unanimously to support the Stoddard CC effort. The Grantham Conservation Commission felt that the Bobcat population is not at the point where a trapping season was warranted.

Annual Report for 2015

The final draft of annual report for the Town of Grantham report was presented for information to the members. The final draft reflected the inputs of the Commission members.

OTHER BUSINESS

Brookside Park

Trail Activities

No significant activity was reported.

Bridge Discussion

Kaszeta discussed his work on the footers for the bridge. Considerable progress has been made to create the forms needed for the footer. The rebar work is expected to be completed soon. Planning wise it is expected that the 38 foot I-beams will be delivered at the end of April or early May. Thereafter the work will get underway to install the beams on the footers in late May or early June. The decking will be recycled Trex which has been cut to length by Wood.

Planning for Town Trail map

No response was received from Amber Boland at UVLSRPC or SPNHF on existing data bases that may already exist of trail data. Apparently, the Blue Mountain Dusters are under pressure to have its trails available in a GPS-enabled format.

Recruitment

The Commission currently has 1 vacancy. Dennis Ryan accepted a position on the Commission at our meeting in November. We need to continue to search for another member.

ADJOURNMENT

Hocker asked if there was any further business. There being none, Wood moved to adjourn the meeting and Nagy seconded the motion.

The Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Grantham Conservation Commission will be held at 7:00p.m. in the Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room on Monday, February 22, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Hocker

R. Hocker, Chair