

Grantham Conservation Commission

MINUTES

JUNE 1, 2020

300 ROUTE 10 SOUTH, GRANTHAM, NH

MEETING CALLED BY	Chairman David Wood
TYPE OF MEETING	Regular Meeting of the Conservation Commission - held electronically
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	Emily Owen (web conference host)

Wood called the Grantham Conservation Commission to order on Monday, June 1, 2020 at 7:01 p.m. The meeting was conducted electronically.

Wood opened the meeting with the following statement: "As Chair of the Grantham Conservation Commission, due to the COVID-19/Coronavirus crisis and in accordance with Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this Board is authorized to meet electronically, and these reasons shall be reflected in the minutes.

Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to the meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, this is to confirm that we are providing public access to the meeting by telephone and other electronic means. Notice of the meeting was given, as required by RSA 91-A, and included details for participating in the meeting. Members of the public will be invited to speak and recognized by the Chair. If, at any time during the meeting, there becomes a problem with access please call 603-863-6021 or email at: info@granthamnh.net.

Let's start the meeting by taking a Roll Call attendance. Would each member state their presence, also please state whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is also required under the Right-to-Know law."

Roll Call

Buchanan - present and alone
Eylander - present and alone
Hocker - present and alone
Kaszeta - present and alone
McArt - present and alone
Ryan - present and alone
Wood - present and alone

Are there others participating this evening? If so, please state your name and address.
Peter Garland, 25 Catamount Rd., Grantham - present and alone

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

DISCUSSION	
	<p>Wood asked if there were any additions, corrections, or modification to the draft minutes of the regular meeting of May 4, 2020. Corrections were recommended by Ryan and Buchanan. There being no other corrections, Wood announced that he would entertain a motion to approve the minutes as revised. A motion was made by Eylander; seconded by Wood. There being no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote.</p> <p><u>Roll Call</u> Buchanan - yes Eylander - yes Hocker - yes Kaszeta - yes McArt - yes Ryan - yes Wood - yes</p>

Wood asked if there were any additions, corrections, or modification to the draft minutes of the monitoring of the Fisher Lot on May 30, 2020. Eylander pointed out the omission of his name from the list of participants. There being no other corrections, Wood announced that he would entertain a motion to approve the minutes as revised. A motion was made by Eylander; seconded by Kaszeta. There being no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote.

Roll Call

Buchanan - yes
 Eylander - yes
 Hocker - yes
 Kaszeta - yes
 McArt - yes
 Ryan - yes
 Wood - yes

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Approved minutes will be submitted for posting	Wood	ASAP

OLD BUSINESS – TOWN FOREST

DISCUSSION

Revision of Miller Pond Rd/Mountain Rd: Wood announced that HB Logging had submitted a contract for the revision of Mountain Road requesting no more than \$12,000 for the work and \$2,500 for materials. Wood believes the balance in the Conservation Fund is somewhat more than \$58,000 and suggested that as the source of the funding. He pointed out that the contract submitted (but never executed) by HB Logging in 2019 requested the upfront payment of only 20% of the costs with the remainder coming from the sale of the harvest. Because of the long delay between the planned road work and the anticipated harvest in the winter of 2020/2021, the current contract calls for the full payment to be made prior to the harvest.

Garland noted that the Commission will be allowed to utilize the funds from the Conservation Fund to pay for the work, but that execution of the contract has been delayed pending receipt of a description of the planned harvest and estimate of the amount of timber to be marketed.

Wood made the motion, "Contingent upon approval of the contract, I move that we approve the spending of up to \$15,000 from the Conservation Fund to HB Logging LLC for the purpose of rerouting Mountain Road from Four Corners to the class VI extension of Miller Pond Road including the creation of a parking area sufficient to accommodate 5-6 cars." Seconded by Buchanan. There being no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote.

Roll Call

Buchanan - yes
 Eylander - yes
 Hocker - yes
 Kaszeta - yes
 McArt - yes
 Ryan - yes
 Wood - yes

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Request a description and estimate of the harvest from HB Logging	Wood	ASAP

OLD BUSINESS - FISHER LOT

DISCUSSION

Kaszeta inspected the electric fence on May 30 finding no problems. Wood stated that he had fertilized the trees and removed the bamboo supports and berms.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None		

OLD BUSINESS - SHERWOOD FOREST

DISCUSSION

Wood announced that McArt has reopened the Canyon and Rock Ledge trails. McArt described them briefly.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Send a map of the new trails to the GCC	McArt	ASAP

OLD BUSINESS – SHORELAND CUTTING APPLICATIONS

DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
An application was received from Karash and approved. Wood asked whether applications had been received for 5 or 7 Turnbuckle. Kaszeta and Ryan replied no.			
	None		

OLD BUSINESS – REAPPOINTMENT OF GCC MEMBERS

DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Wood announced that both Buchanan and himself had been reappointed and were now sworn in.			
	None		

OLD BUSINESS – ECF CRABTREE DONATION

DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Wood announced that the tree was delivered and planted on May19.			
	None		

NEW BUSINESS – INVASIVE PLANTS ON ROUTE 10

DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Wood noted that the inspection of Route 10 for invasive plants that was planned in anticipation of the installation of new guard rails has yet to be completed.			
	Set a date to survey for invasive plants.	Wood	ASAP

HANDOUTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wood asked if there was any further business. There being none, Eylander moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm; Kaszeta seconded the motion.

Roll Call

- Buchanan - yes
- Eylander - yes
- Hocker - yes
- Kaszeta - yes
- McArt - yes
- Ryan - yes
- Wood - yes

NEXT MEETING

If permissible, 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, Aug 6, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

David Wood
Grantham Conservation Commission Chair