

Grantham Conservation Commission

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

300 ROUTE 10 SOUTH, GRANTHAM, NH

MEETING CALLED BY	Chairman David Wood
TYPE OF MEETING	Regular Meeting of the Conservation Commission - held electronically & in person
FACILITATOR	Chairman David Wood
NOTE TAKER	David Wood
COMMISSION MEMBERS	Susan Buchanan, John Eylander, Richard Hocker (late), 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, Sept 14, 2020 at 7:03 p.m. The meeting was conducted in person with several members participating electronically.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

DISCUSSION		
<p>Wood asked if there were any additions, corrections, or modifications to the draft minutes of the regular meeting of Aug 3, 2020. Corrections were recommended by 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 - absent Kaszeta - yes McArt - yes Ryan - yes Wood - yes</p>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Approved minutes will be submitted for posting	Wood	ASAP

OLD BUSINESS – TOWN FOREST

DISCUSSION		
<p>Revision of Miller Pond Rd/Mountain Rd: Wood announced that the contract with HB Logging has been signed by the Select Board, and the removal of utility poles on the right-of-way approved by the Planning Board. A letter signed by the abutter, Eva Duff, giving permission for removal of the one obstructing tree on her property has also been received.</p>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Urge initiation of work	Wood	ASAP

OLD BUSINESS - SAWYER BROOK HEADWATERS

DISCUSSION		
<p>Wood reported that he had spoken with Steve Miller, President of the Blue Mountain Snow Dusters, about the potentially hazardous</p>		

culvert on the Old Dunbar Hill Road. The BMSD will inspect the problem but have no plans or funds for repair. Selectman Garland reported that Constance Jones is attempting to identify all the culverts in Grantham in order to manage their maintenance.

Wood has not spoken with Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust about the introduction of new trails in the Headwaters.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Discuss potential trail work in SBH with ASLPT	Wood	ASAP

OLD BUSINESS – SHORELAND CUTTING APPLICATIONS

DISCUSSION		
Several applications for tree removal in Eastman have been received, and all have been approved.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None		

OLD BUSINESS – GOOGLE MAP CORRECTIONS

DISCUSSION		
Kaszeta reported no response from Google regarding his request for corrections.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None		

OLD BUSINESS – PERAMBULATION

DISCUSSION		
Kaszeta reported that Springfield wants to delay perambulation until 2021. Wood asked Selectman Garland to ask the Board if it wishes to authorize the Commission to conduct the perambulation.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Organize perambulation	Kaszeta	2021

NEW BUSINESS – MONITORING OF SHERWOOD FOREST

DISCUSSION		
Wood asked about the availability of commissioners to monitor Sherwood Forest. Dates of Oct 12, 14 and 17 were selected as possible.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Arrange monitoring dates with forester Brooks McCandlish	Wood	ASAP

NEW BUSINESS – MOWING OF FISHER LOT

DISCUSSION		
Wood asked for authorization to spend up to \$240 for the mowing of the meadow on the Fisher Lot by Ed Buckman with funds to be withdrawn from the Conservation Fund. A motion to that effect was made by McArt; seconded by Buchanan. A roll call vote was taken: <u>Roll Call</u> Buchanan - yes Eylander - yes Hocker - yes Kaszeta - yes McArt - yes Ryan - yes Wood - yes		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Arrange monitoring dates for mowing	Wood	ASAP

HANDOUTS

None

NEXT MEETING

If permissible, the next meeting of the Grantham Conservation Commission will be held in person in the Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room on Monday, Oct 5, 2020 at 7 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wood asked if there was any further business. There being none, the vote for adjournment was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

David Wood
Grantham Conservation Commission Chair