

**Town of Grantham  
Grantham Conservation Commission**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 22, 2015**

Chairman Hocker called the Grantham Conservation Commission to order on Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 7:00 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, Susan Buchanan, Laura Nagy, David Wood, and Rich. Kaszeta

**Members of the Public:** None

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

**Approval of Minutes for the August 31, 2015 Meeting**

Hocker asked if there were any additions, corrections, or modifications to the draft minutes for the August 31, 2015 meeting. No changes were made.

*A motion was made by Wood to approve the August 31, 2015 minutes as written,; second by Buchanan. There being no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote.*

***Unanimously Approved & Accepted***

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Brookside Park**

**Trail work**

Trail work was scheduled for 11 Sept. but cancelled due to rain. Next scheduled work date is 16, and 17 Oct

**Bridge Discussion**

Kaszeta again, summarized his evaluations of the options available for a bridge of 38 plus feet set across Skinner Brook. His findings were contained in a 4 page handout with the conclusion being a bridge consisting of 3 iron i-beams pre-drilled from Baker Steel was the best and cheapest way to go. The next step will be preparing the footers for the bridge,

**NH Association of Conservation Commissions membership.**

Over the years the Grantham Conservation Commission has been a member of the NHACC. Renewal for the 2015-2016 season will be \$296.00. After discussion a motion was made by Woods to appropriate the sum of \$296 current appropriations line item 01-4611-2-610. A second by Nagy was made..

**Unanimously Approved**

**Planning for Roadside Ash tree inventory**

The Commission agreed that this effort should be tabled until the Brookside Bridge project is completed.

**GCC New Member and Remaining Vacancies**

The Commission currently has 2 vacancies. Buchanan had invited a potential new member to our meeting but the individual did not come. All members were requested to consider possible candidates for the Commission.

**Planning for Town Trail map**

Wood again explained what was being done in Eastman and asked if it was a good idea if the effort should be expanded to Grantham. Given that the mechanism was in place to do so, it was agreed that the commission proceed with this effort. To accomplish the task the roads and trails of town outside of Eastman would have to be GPS mapped with the info in suitable format sent to the UVLSRPC. A list of trails within Grantham was prepared and shared by all members. The membership suggested the list also include the trails within the Eastman complex.

**Participation in Grantham Health Fair and Open House**

Hocker displayed the maps that he planned to use at the Health Fair and indicated that he would use bags of Chestnuts to attract interested persons. Existing maps of the trail systems in Grantham also were to be available. (Note-- illness prevents GCC participation).

**Flewelling property walk**

The annual walk of the Flewelling property walk took place on Saturday 12 September. Commission participants were Laura Nagy, Rich Kaszeta, Richard Hocker The activity on the property is nonexistent. No problems were found except in the dam area where cleanup work needs to be done.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

***The Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 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, October 19, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Hocker, Chair