

Grantham Conservation Commission

MINUTES

APRIL 17, 2017

300 ROUTE 10 SOUTH, GRANTHAM, NH

MEETING CALLED BY	Chairman David Wood
TYPE OF MEETING	Regular Meeting of the Conservation Commission
FACILITATOR	Richard Hocker
NOTE TAKER	Nikki Arsenault
COMMISSION MEMBERS	Richard Hocker, Rich Kaszeta, Dennis Ryan, Laura Nagy, John Larrabee
ABSENT	David Wood, John Larrabee

Richard Hocker called the Grantham Conservation Commission to order on Monday, April 17, 2017 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 MARCH 20, 2017 MEETING

DISCUSSION		
Hocker asked if there were any additions, corrections, or modification to the draft meeting minutes for the March 20, 2017 meeting.		
Buchanan suggested the following corrections:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update "Board" to "Commission" members at the top of the first page • Under 'Old Business' capitalize "lot" in "Smith lot" • Under 'Smith Lot' – "logging hut" should be changed to "warming hut" • Top of page 3 – Note (LFL) after the first use of the name "Little Free Libraries" • Change "Patio" to "patio" after the words "South Cove" • Check spelling of "listserv" 		
Nagy then suggested noting under 'New Business' that the donation contribution is to the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests.		
CONCLUSIONS		
There being no additional changes to the minutes, Hocker announced that he would entertain a motion to approve the March 20, 2017 minutes as amended.		
A motion was made by Nagy to approve the March 20, 2017 minutes; second by Kaszeta. There being no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote.		
Unanimously Approved & Accepted		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Meeting minutes for this meeting will be completed within five business days.	Nikki Arsenault	04/24/2017

OLD BUSINESS – CUTTING APPLICATIONS – NAGY

Nagy noted that there were no Shoreline Cutting Applications this month.		
Emerald Ash Borer project – Ryan noted that it was a very nice presentation which was well attended by approximately 20 people. He added that the talk was clearly worded and there was lot of participation from the audience. Nagy will try to get a copy of the presentation to share with the Commission.		
CONCLUSIONS		

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None at this time.		

OLD BUSINESS – TOWN FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN (SIGNED) – HOCKER

DISCUSSION		
Hocker reported that everything is on track for this project. Hocker has not yet spoken with Laura French or Jeremy Turner, but he predicts that they will start on this project as soon as weather permits.		
CONCLUSION		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None at this time.		

OLD BUSINESS – APPROVAL OF MEMBERSHIP/DONATION TO THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE FORESTS (SPNHF) – HOCKER

DISCUSSION		
Hocker noted that Chairman Wood suggested that a donation in the amount of \$150 might be appropriate. The Commission members agreed that this amount is appropriate.		
CONCLUSIONS		
Hocker asked for a motion to approve the expenditure of \$150 for the membership/donation to SFNHF from appropriated funds. Kaszeta made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$150 from appropriated funds for this purpose. Nagy seconded the motion. Unanimously Approved		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None at this time.		

NEW BUSINESS – INVOLVEMENT IN GRANTHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL – BUCHANAN

DISCUSSION		
Buchanan updated the group that she has not had enough time to fully follow-up on this matter, but she reported that Larrabee reached out to the principal at GVS. Buchanan noted that she was able to get in touch with the Four Winds Program Coordinator at GVS, from whom she was able to get access to the materials for their curriculum. Buchanan passed this along to Larrabee so that they can be sure to not “duplicate” what Four Winds is doing. She can follow up with Mr. and Mrs. Eylander at Grantham Village School to determine if they would still like help from GCC in the way of trail maintenance. Hocker noted that RL BATTI will be able to get them the custom cut boards for the project that they will need for the flooring of their bridges, etc. Buchanan asked if GVS has plans to use the Outdoor Classroom and if GCC might be able to get involved.		
CONCLUSIONS	The Commission agreed to wait for GVS to formally request help on this project.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Follow up with GVS.	Buchanan/Larrabee	

NEW BUSINESS – MILLER POND DAM CLEANUP – HOCKER

DISCUSSION		
Ryan noted that he visited the dam on Saturday – the flow through the dam was substantial. He happened to meet the new owner of the property while he was there; he was very friendly and Ryan welcomed him to town. Hocker noted that he would wait for Selectman Brown’s word regarding clearing the dam; GCC can discuss this in further detail at the May meeting.		

CONCLUSIONS		
Action items to be decided at a later date.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None at this time.		

NEW BUSINESS – OTHER – KASZETA AND HOCKER

DISCUSSION		
Kaszeta would like to stain the Brookside bridge this summer; he thinks this would be a good project for the Scouts to complete. He will make a recommendation on pricing for this project at the next meeting.		
Hocker noted that there is a project in the works for three patches of (pollinator) flowers at Brookside Park. Renee Gustafson and Kristina Burgard are heading up this project; they will need assistance moving the soil from Hocker's driveway to Brookside Park. Two pine trees will also likely need to be removed.		
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
More updates and information will be available by the next GCC meeting.		

ADJOURNMENT

Hocker asked if there was any further business. There being none, Nagy moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. and Buchanan seconded the motion.

The Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

NEXT MEETING

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, May 15, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,



Nikki Arsenault