

HOOKSETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Monday, August 9, 2021
Hooksett Municipal Building
Town Council Chambers

Cindy Robertson called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

Present: Cindy Robertson-Chair, David Ross-Vice Chair, JoCarol Woodburn-Member, Phil Fitanides-Member, Deborah Miville-Member, Alexander Walczyk- Town Council Representative

Not Present: Robert Better-Alternate, John Pieroni-Alternate, William Herlicka- Alternate

Staff: Leann Fuller, Administrative Assistant

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair:

David Ross nominates Cindy Robertson as Chair, seconded by Phil Fitanides. Motion passed.

Cindy Robertson nominated David Ross as Vice-Chair, seconded by JoCarol Woodburn. Motion passed.

Public Input

I. Consent Agenda

- i. Transfer of Current Use Deposits to the Conservation account
- ii. Transfer from the Conservation Account to General Account for paid invoices
- iii. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Re: Request for Treatment of a Document as a Comprehensive Plan

David Ross motioned to approve the Consent agenda, seconded by Deborah Miville. Motion passed.

II. Meeting Minutes Approvals

- June 14, 2021

Leann Fuller explained to the Conservation Commission that the Non-Public minutes from June 14 was not on the agenda by mistake. These minutes will be provided at the September 13 meeting.

JoCarol Woodburn motioned to approve the meeting minutes from June 14, 2021, seconded by Deborah Miville. David Ross abstained due to absence. Motion passed.

III. Invoices

- i. Moosewood Ecological, LLC Field Surveys Invoice \$6,616.00

Deborah Miville is concerned that there is no breakdown included with the invoice. Cindy Robertson stated that they did provide an entire proposal beforehand. However, Leann did look it up and the cost was not broken down just a detailed list of tasks to be completed in each phase. David Ross agrees that a precedent

46 has been set and would like a breakdown of hours and cost for each task. David Ross requested that Leann
47 contact Jeff to acquire a breakdown for any future invoices.

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49 ***JoCarol Woodburn motioned to approve payment of the Moosewood Ecological, LLC invoice in the amount***
50 ***of \$6,616.00, seconded by Phil Fitanides. Motion passed.***

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52 ii. Stantec Invoice for \$453.75

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54 ***David Ross motioned to approve payment of the Stantec invoice in the amount of \$453.75, seconded by***
55 ***Deborah Miville. Motion passed.***

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57 iii. Keep it Native Invoice \$4,200.00

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59 ***David Ross motioned to approve payment of the Keep it Native invoice in the amount of \$4,200.00,***
60 ***seconded by Alex Walczyk. Motion passed.***

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62 **IV. Appointments**

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64 i. Peter Bartash, Port One Companies
65 Hackett Hill Road, Map 17, Lot 7
66 Wetland buffer impact
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68 Peter Bartash addressed that they were not aware they should have been here to present and/or discuss the
69 request around a letter of support at the previous meeting and apologized for that. Peter reviewed the revised
70 plans and exhibit that was presented to the Conservation Commission. This plan showed a protective wall
71 along the prime wetland and the types of plants in the buffer area that is being restored. Cindy Robertson
72 clarified that Bruce's comments included details and labeling of the wall, which are shown on the plan. One
73 note that was asked for was that the wall must be built at the beginning of the project. Peter stated that note
74 is not on the plan yet but will include that. David Ross asks for specifications on the wall. Peter believes that
75 the protective wall will be 2 feet above finish grade consisting of poured concrete and 18" thick. Phil
76 questioned the word "believe"; Peter will verify that information.

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78 Peter Bartash provided an update on the project. It is in front of the Planning Board and the next meeting is
79 August 16. The two remaining permits are the Alteration of Terrain, which was submitted and reviewed by the
80 State. Peter and TFMoran must respond to some comments now. The other permit is the Wetlands through
81 DES. Peter explained that they have offered fee in lieu payment for the full mitigation of impacts to the State
82 and did request that portion of the funds are contributed to the purchase of the new conservation parcel on
83 the river. The State did say they didn't view the riverfront property as acceptable mitigation. However, the
84 applicant does not agree with that. Peter explained their environmental stance as to what is jurisdictional or
85 not. The fee in lieu is for the manmade water features which are generally exempt. Peter plans on going back
86 to the State saying they are ok with not crediting that and will pay the town separately for that. To get to the
87 finish line, the State will likely hold a public hearing and if the board feels strongly about that parcel, it would
88 be worth having a representative there to speak.

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90 Cindy Robertson expressed her appreciation towards their efforts for that property. Peter explained that the
91 full fee is around \$499,466 which would be paid to the ARM fund. Separate money to finance the purchase of
92 that local parcel would be paid to the town separately.

93 John Lyscars, 142 Hackett Hill Road, President of the Hooksett Community Center Group, supported
94 everything that the Conservation Commission is doing along the river. The parcel discussed by Peter would be
95 located next to the Community Center. John expressed that anything the Community Center group can do to
96 support this development, they will do as it would benefit the citizens tremendously. John lives off Hackett Hill
97 and the warehouse/distribution project is the first proposal that he believes would make Hooksett proud. The
98 sooner the warehouse project is approved, the better. John will be present at the hearing with the state, if
99 possible.

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101 ii. Rue Teel, Bear-Paw Stewardship Coordinator
102 Quimby Mountain Update
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104 Rue Teel explained that Paul, Keep it Native, is done for the year. Pictures were provided but they are not
105 after the final treatment. Paul ripped down vines and treated the stems of the vines. After everything was
106 ripped out and mowed, it was already growing back so he completed a direct application of herbicide. There
107 were more ATV tracks at Quimby Mountain, but two large trees fell. Rue updated the Conservation
108 Commission that Bear-Paw did hire a Land Protection Specialist who will focus on conserving more land.
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110 Cindy Robertson explained that Bruce Thomas was working with an Eagle Scout, and he wanted to do a project
111 on the Pinnacle. However, the project was repetitive of what the SCA is doing. Cindy recommended that Rue
112 and Mason (Eagle Scout) work together and hopefully Mason will take Rue up on a Quimby Mountain project.
113 Cindy recommended he attend the September meeting to present his revised project.
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115 Deborah Miville asked for clarity on where to park to hike the Quimby Mountain parcel. Rue said the hiking
116 trail and path is at the gate. You can park in front of the gate, but it is a steep drop off from Goffstown Road or
117 parking can be on the side of the road across the street.
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119 JoCarol Woodburn would like to join the site walk with the SCA when that gets set up. Rue explained that the
120 plan is to complete the Pinnacle site walk first then go over to the Riverwalk. Rue has concerns that the
121 Pinnacle and the other trail at the Riverwalk may not be enough work for them. Cindy recommended
122 removing, bagging, and disposing of the bittersweet that is on the Riverwalk Trail as additional work.
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124 JoCarol Woodburn asked about the signposts for the Pinnacle. It was decided that they would like 3 12'
125 Pressure Treated 4x4's cut into 6' lengths for the signs on the Pinnacle. Leann will follow up with DPW on
126 those. Rue will be making the maps for the signs. Once the new trail is completed, she will map it out and send
127 a finalized version to the Conservation Commission for approval. She will then work with Voss signs to get an
128 estimate and order them. The SCA will just install the posts. The signs would be aluminum. JoCarol asked Rue
129 to GPS the Riverwalk Trail as well.
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131 **V. Other Business**

132 i. Brick Kiln Trail Opening, Signs and Sign Placement
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134 Leann Fuller confirmed that the Pre-Construction meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 12 at 3pm at the
135 Hooksett Riverwalk Trail.
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137 JoCarol Woodburn stated that the big issue is the date for the Grand Opening. It is currently set for October 7
138 but there is no finish date for the project yet. The speakers and the media need to be notified. Cindy stated
139 that the contract allowed until the end of October. The goal is to have the event in October as it is NH History

140 month. The Conservation Commission reviewed the flyer that JoCarol presented. David Ross would like the
141 bricks replaced with a larger Town Seal. Deborah Miville likes the bricks but would like to see a kiln around
142 them.

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144 JoCarol Woodburn asked about the items for the Grand Opening. Last time, there was a podium, microphone,
145 and speakers. Steve may know who had those items. Deborah Miville stated that there should be two tables,
146 one for Kathie and one for T-Shirts. Deb will supply water. Cindy Robertson said Todd has tables. JoCarol
147 would like the banner on one table to take photos with. Kathie Northrup has invited a Preservation Officer
148 who has agreed to speak but can't commit until there is a solid date and time. The Brick Kiln historical signs
149 are at DPW, and they will install them when asked. JoCarol recommended putting one sign at the two benches
150 at the beginning of the trail and the second one across from the bench where it splits. The Conservation
151 Commission agreed.

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153 ii. Donation from the Rice Family Charitable Trust

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155 **Alex Walczyk motioned to accept the \$1,000.00 donation from the Rice Family and send a thank you note for**
156 **the donation, seconded by Deborah Miville. Motion passed.**

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158 JoCarol and Cindy would like a personal invitation sent to the Rice Family for the Brick Kiln grand opening.

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160 iii. Osprey Ecological Services-Field #3 Plant Survey on Wednesday, August 11 around 8am.

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162 Leann Fuller read the email received from Osprey Ecological. Cindy will verify what fields were mowed. The
163 Conservation Commission would like to ask DPW to mow the entrance of the Riverwalk trail.

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165 iv. Update from Moosewood Ecological

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167 There was an email update from Moosewood Ecological provided. Phil Fitanides presented concerns as the
168 email was not complete. Cindy explained that it was just an update, and this is not a full report, it is just an
169 email.

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171 v. Quote from Stantec for Open Space Survey and Monument placement for Head's Pond
172 Conservation area

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174 Cindy Robertson explained that the land at the Head's Pond Conservation Area is recommended to be marked.
175 There are a lot of lot lines to be marked and surveyed. Dan Tatem put together a quote to do so. The survey
176 work, blaze the trails and set monumentation comes in around \$100,000. The first round is \$63,000, second
177 item is \$36,000. Cindy reached out to Bruce Thomas and asked about the properties being marked in that
178 development. Bruce explained that they don't have to mark it until its complete. Leann Fuller clarified that the
179 individual properties are marked before they receive the final certificate of occupancy but that is a lot of
180 properties to review and not all are done. The Conservation Commission account has around \$340,000 and it
181 is recommended to keep about \$290,000. Dan Tatem recommended doing the first phase and then the second
182 phase cost will not increase. The School District is very concerned about their property so it may be beneficial
183 to do that property and Dan is going to investigate that.

185 David Ross clarified that this does not prohibit what is going on now. Cindy recommended doing this process
186 in pieces. However, this work will have to go out to bid. Cindy also recommended waiting for Moosewood to
187 complete their work first.
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189 Leann Fuller stated that the next meeting is Monday, September 13. However, Planning Board does meet at
190 6pm. The Conservation Commission agreed to start that meeting at 4:00pm.
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192 ***Cindy Robertson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Phil Fitanides. Meeting adjourned at 6:23pm.***
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194 ***Minutes respectively submitted by***

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197 ***Leann Fuller***

198 ***Administrative Assistant***
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Please see subsequent meeting minutes for any amendments to these minutes.