

**HOOCKETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Monday, April 11, 2022**

**Hooksett Municipal Building**

**35 Main Street**

**Town Council Chambers**

**I. Open Meeting 4:30 pm**

**II. Attendance/Introductions:** Cindy Robertson-Chair, JoCarol Woodburn, Deb Miville, Bob Betters-Alternate, Alex Walczyk – Town Council Rep

**III. Not in attendance:** John Pieroni- Alternate, William Herlicka- Alternate, Sheena Gilbert- Planning Board Rep

**IV. Excused:** Phil Fitanides

**V. Staff:** Bruce Thomas – Town Engineer, Kathy Lawrence-Minutes, Rob Curran, Community Development

**VI. Pledge of Allegiance 4:30**

**VII. Public Input:** None

**VIII. Consent Agenda**

NHDES Granite Woods LLC, 47 Hackett Hill Rd., Standard Dredge and Fill Wetlands  
Approval to Purchase Picture Frames for the Town Hall “Wall” Display

***JoCarol will email Kathy dimensions for frames***

***Motion to approve Consent Agenda made by JoCarol Woodburn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deb Miville  
All in favor***

**Alex** asked if anything came out of the DES Granite Woods LLC public hearing.

**Bruce** filled the committee in about the hearing and who attended for the town. He found there was a lot of public support for the project. Asked if the Conservation Commission had anything for comments or questions

**Cindy** I leave this to the expertise to DES and let them decide.

**IX. Meeting Minutes Approvals**

***Motion to approve minutes of 03/14/2022 as presented made by Alex Walczyk 2<sup>nd</sup>  
by Deb Miville.  
All in favor***

**X. Invoices:**

1. Moosewood Ecological Combined Reports Invoice \$490.00

43 **Motion to approve Moosewood Invoice dated 3/16 2022 in the amount of \$490.00 made**  
 44 **by Deb Miville 2<sup>nd</sup> by JoCarol Woodburn. All in favor**

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 46 **XI. Appointments**

47 i. Brittany Overton: NH Healthcare Workers for Climate Action

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 49 **Brittany** I am the new Adult Services Coordinator for the Hooksett Library, and I am here  
 50 to ask if Hooksett Conservation Commission would like to have a partnership with the  
 51 library to bring this program, Climate Science of Health, to the community. It is a 30 min  
 52 presentation of the effects of climate change and how climate change effects our  
 53 health.

54 Brittany highlighted the presentation and asked if the committee would be willing to  
 55 partnership.

56 **Cindy** is this being presented all around the state.

57 **Brittany** there is one library that has posted. It is a very Informational program.

58 **Cindy** would anyone interested go to the library and watch.

59 **Deb** what does partnership mean? What would you like us to do?

60 **Brittany** our partnership would be helping to spread the word. The more groups we can  
 61 partnership with can help to have it added on your web page and social media forums  
 62 and in emailed newsletter. We would say it is co-sponsored by both groups.

63 **JoCarol** talked about HCC's website and blog.

64 **Cindy** you would select a date and we would post on our media?

65 **Brittany** how about May 30<sup>th</sup>, in the evening 6:30 or 7pm?

66 **JoCarol** 7pm would be best

67 **Deb** do you have advertising already made and ready?

68 **Brittany** I can put together a poster and I will create an event on FB to share and if you  
 69 are working on other events, I can bring it to the library and share with the public.

70 **JoCarol** gave her a flyer for the Earth Day Clean-up events on April 23<sup>rd</sup>

71 **Deb** this is part of the contribution for Hooksett's Bicentennial.

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 73 **XII. Other Business**

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 76 1. "Friends of the Trails" Program Discussion

77 **Cindy** explained about David Ross and his new appointment to TC and appreciated his  
 78 time with HCC, and she will check with him about what he was helping with for the April  
 79 23<sup>rd</sup> trail clean-up event.

80 **JoCarol** has anyone checked with Paul Eaton to confirmed he is still attending, and he is  
 81 aware of the time being changed to 10am?

82 **Cindy will Check with him.**

83 **JoCarol** wanted to let everyone know about a Kiwanis pancake break on the 23<sup>rd</sup> 8am-10  
 84 am at the Hooksett Congregational Church. Also, after the trail clean-up, at Lambert  
 85 Park, they are getting together. I hope we get enough volunteers.

86 **JoCarol I will make another post on FB and Kathy will send an email reminder to our**  
 87 **volunteer contacts.**

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 89 2. Heads Pond Conservation Area Documentation continued  
 90 discussion **Keep on for May**

91 **Cindy** the new report is out and read through it. This is the combined report and we will  
 92 provide comments on what we may want to do next.

93 **Bob** it is a great report.

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 95 3. Phase IV River Walk Trial update & Trail Plan

96 **Cindy** we had a zoom call with Allentown to talk about what Allentown is planning.  
 97 They said their trail is about ½ mile and they will be doing it all in house. During the call  
 98 they talked with zoning, and they would like to meet with Dan to ask about that before  
 99 he moves forward. The original plan that we had developed did not connect to the town  
 100 line, so I had Dan look into it. A piece of property to that connection, may not have an  
 101 easement provided for us to cross, so I have reached out to town legal, and he will get  
 102 back and let me know if we have a right of way. With the trail revision to meet the town  
 103 line there is additional cost. We have a new estimate that we need to re-vote on. Our  
 104 CIP application has been submitted and reviewed by Finance. Christine said it may be a  
 105 good project for the ARPA funds and we would love to have that. I am planning on going  
 106 to the ARPA committee meeting on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> to present this and if it does get chosen  
 107 for ARPA, we may be able to work on this phase this year. We are going to apply for the  
 108 grant again too. We may have to coordinate with ARPA and our grant as to when we can  
 109 start. If we can do it this year than the 3% increase budgeted by Dan would not be  
 110 added.

111 **JoCarol** did you talk to Dan about helping with the Grant?

112 **Cindy** yes please get in touch and help with the grant. The other thing about the trail is  
 113 the Town Manager in Allentown said they have not decided about bikes, and we may  
 114 go back to Spin it and see if we can get an exception to that rule. Allentown is poorer  
 115 town, and the grant committee may be more favorable to help that town.

116 **Alex** how big an adjustment would it be to include bikes?

117 **Cindy** the easement holder doesn't allow bikes on any trail. It would take a request, or  
 118 an exception and I don't know if they will grant it.

119 **Alex** or have Allentown not allow bikes on theirs.

120 **Bob** is there any discussion about Pembroke and their trail?

121 **Cindy** no nothing. If we have to plan this in phases and that last 45 feet can be done  
 122 later

123 **JoCarol**, when will you know about ARPA?

124 **Cindy** I am not sure

125 **Motion to approve for Phase 4 payment revision dated 3/22/2022 in the amount of**  
 126 **\$384,875.80 for year 2024 made by JoCarol Woodburn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deb Miville**  
 127 **All in favor**

128 **Deb** would it stop him from doing something if I don't vote to approve this amount?

129 **Cindy** we have already asked CIP for this amount

130 4. Stewardship Plan: Carriage Manor, University Heights, Town Pond  
131 and School Districts **Keep on for May**

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133 5. Hooksett Old Home Day September 17<sup>th</sup>

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135 **Cindy** do we have to pay the vendor fee where we are the Town? Kathy will check with  
136 Leann about vendor fee.

137 **Cindy** Do we want to take part? I think we should have to booth. **Keep on the agenda for**  
138 **May and discuss more. Who will be available to attend?**

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140 **XIII. Additional business brought up by the Conservation Commission:**

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142 **JoCarol** we installed the Pinnacle Trail markers and we blazed the red trail.

143 **Items JoCarol would like to request form Hooksett Conservation Commission:**

144 \*Paint supplies for trailblazing at Pinnacle Trail- \$40.00

145 ***Motion to approve up to \$40.00 made by Cindy Robertson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deb Miville. all in favor***

146 \*1/2-inch binder and USB drive for grant applications \$20.00

147 ***Motion to approve up to \$20.00 made by Cindy Robertson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by JoCarol Woodburn. all in***  
148 ***favor***

149 \*Printing for grant application (80-100 pgs with color photos, etc) \$25.00

150 ***Motion to approve up to \$25.00 made by Cindy Robertson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by JoCarol Woodburn. all in***  
151 ***favor***

152 \*Frames and hardware for two Brick Kiln Trail signs to hanging Town Hall. \$80.00

153 ***Motion to approve up to \$80.00 made by Cindy Robertson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deb Miville. all in favor***

154 \*Printing and laminating at Staples for new map and kiosk for Hooksett Riverwalk Trail

155 \$150.00 (JoCarol provided the updated kiosk for review)

156 ***Motion to approve up to \$150.00 made by Cindy Robertson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deb Miville. all in favor***

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158 **1. Discussion for Commission Vice Chair appointment**

159 **Cindy** David has stepped down as Vice-Chair because he has been appointed to Town  
160 Council, so we have a Vice- Chair position open and a full member

161 ***Cindy Robertson made a motion to nominate JoCarol Woodburn as Vice Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deb***  
162 ***Miville, All in favor!***

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164 **Cindy** I have asked Bob Betters (Alternate) about becoming a full member. He is thinking  
165 about it

166 **Bob** I am planning on doing as much camping and traveling as I can, so I am not going to be  
167 available in June, July, August, September & October.

168 **Cindy** there is not a solid alternate like Bob so I think we would be okay to move Bob up and  
169 we should search for another alternate.

170 **Bob** I have someone I will ask if they would like to be a full member.

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172 ***Motion to adjourn made by JoCarol Woodburn @ 5:39, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Betters***

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174 **Non-Public Session** NH RSA 91-A:3, II (d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of a  
175 real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties  
176 who interests are adverse to those of the general community.