

1 HOOKSETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION

2 Monday, August 8, 2022

3 4:30pm

4 Hooksett Municipal Building

5 35 Main Street

6 Town Council Chambers

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8 **I. Open Meeting**

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12 **II. Attendance/Introductions:**

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14 Sheena Gilbert, Deb Miville, Cindy Robinson, Phil Fitanides, Bob Better, Rob Curran

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16 **Excused:**

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18 Jo Carol Woodburn, John Pieroni

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20 **III. Pledge of Allegiance**

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22 4:38 PM

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24 **IV. Public Input none**

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26 **V. Consent Agenda**

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28 NH DES UTILITY STATUATORY PERMIT-BY-NOTIFICATION
29 NH DES AMMENDED WETLANDS AND NON-SITE-SPECIFIC PERMIT (OFF
30 EDGEWATER)
31 NH DES RECEIVED SHORELAND PERMIT APPLICATION
32 NH DES DRAFT FOR STATE PERMIT TO OPERATE SP-0133
33 FINANCE MEMORANDUM – JULY 13 22

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35 Motioned Deb - Seconded by Bob - Approved as listed

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37 **VI. Meeting Minutes Approvals**

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39 Minutes from 06/13/2022
40 Suggested edits from Phil:
41 Line 77- clarify to huge boulders

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43 Phil motioned - Deb seconded - Approved with edits

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45 **VII. Invoices:**

46 REIMBURSEMENT FOR JO CAROL:

47 Staples/Printing for grant - \$206.94 – Motioned by Deb – Seconded by Phil - Approved

48 Walgreens/USB Drive - \$19.99 – Motioned by Sheena – Seconded by Phil - Approved

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50 STANTEC –

51 Merrimack River Front Trail Contract Upset Phase III - \$330.00 -

52 Project was unfinished, so funds withheld, these funds are for work recently done, and waiting

53 until major rain comes to test the drainage of the trail before releasing rest of funds

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55 Alex motioned – Phil seconded - Approved

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57 KEEPING IT NATIVE –

58 Year Two Invasive Plant Control - \$3,900.00

59 Year 2/5 contract, mostly for bittersweet at Quimby

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61 2 conservation funds to possible use, #1 conservation fund or #2 warrant article, possibility to

62 use warrant article to pay for keeping it native, so we can ask for more warrant article funds next

63 March, need Andre to sign off to use warrant article funds

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65 Question Posed, if warrant money used on this, will we have enough for original intended

66 purpose? Answer is that intended purpose is general land management and will fall under the

67 original intended purpose of the warrant article

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69 Cannot transfer funds from warrant article to conservation

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71 *Conservation commission to recommend \$3,900 to Quimby mountain restoration out of warrant

72 article, and if denied then pay from account #1

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74 Cindy to email Andre for permission to use warrant article funds

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76 Deb motioned – Alex seconded – Approved

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78 DAN TATEM

79 Beaver Removal - \$457.50

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81 Cindy gives backstory on beaver removal

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83 Board gives thanks to Tommy and DPW for help taking down beaver damn,

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85 Dan asks for notice if anyone sees dam being built

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87 Alex motioned – Deb seconded - Approved

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89 STANTEC

90 Survey heads pond - \$37,781

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92 Area abuts university heights, etc.

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94 Based on this, we will get price on building monuments

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96 Have not paid anything towards this project yet

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98 Alex motioned – Sheena seconded – Approved

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100 **VIII. Appointments**

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102 **i. KEITH MADDY/78 CHESTER TURNPIKE – PROPOSED GARAGE** 103 **CONSTRUCTION WITHIN 40’ WETLAND BUFFER**

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105 Wetland is manmade, drainage ditch lined with boulders

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107 Residents bought house in June 2019, pervious code enforcement suggested since it was a
108 drainage ditch it would not be an issue to get an exception, 8’ wide at its max,

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110 Residents clarified they just wanted a deck and attached garage, the closest it will come is 18’,
111 will not be a workshop or anything, just a garage to store a truck and/or motorcycle etc., if
112 homeowner needs to do work he has access to his work garage

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114 Existing driveway already goes to back of house, proposed driveway would go from 24’ deep to
115 26’, plus another 8’ for the deck.

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117 No plumbing or water going to garage, not taking out trees, been there since 2019 and 6” was
118 deepest the water got, about 2” on average

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120 Chair thinks its fine, no concerns,

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122 Rob will research what documentation is needed and make sure it is provided to who needs it, as
123 well as the original prints

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125 **IX. Other Business**

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127 **1. Heads Pond Conservation Area Documentation**

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129 Discussion Continued - see invoice

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131 **2. Stewardship Plan: Carriage Manor, University Heights, Town Pond** 132 **and School District.**

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134 Discussion Continued

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136 Fee Estimate will be obtained in the future

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138 3. Riverwalk Trail Work needed for Loop

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140 Discussion Continued

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142 When laid out, original plan stopped 450' short of Allenstown,
143 attorney did deed research and found Barret Family no longer owned
144 property, Anagost now owns property and was amenable to giving
145 easement for trail.

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147 Needs to be surveyed. Stantec has offered to survey 450', estimate
148 \$4875, won't be started until next year,

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150 Approval to retain Stantec, but not before exact estimate provided –

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152 Question asked when does a project needs to be bid out – possible
153 \$10k threshold

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155 Board will ask for breakdown of price before approval, vote in
156 September

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158 Cindy will send email to Allenstown town manager

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160 4. Dubois & King Request for Conservation Commission Comments

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162 Discussion Continued

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164 They want to revise a proposed fishway to make it narrower for ease
165 of fish

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167 5. Hooksett Old Home Day September 17th

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169 Volunteers needed – need a table, banner, easel, t-shirts, no
170 water for Phil, con com members get free ride in a helicopter, looking
171 for folks to man the booth, schedule to be figured out through email

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173 Booth registration submitted 7/12

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175 Discussion Continued

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177 6. Warrant Article Request Form Submission/Budget 2023-24

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179 7. RTP Grant Update

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181 8. Target Shooting Prohibited Signs

182 Posted signs, walked area, and saw poles just bent

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 184 Manchester water works willing to put in heavy duty guide poles for us
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 186 Proposed are 5 large signs, 3 for clay pond 2 for Quimby, grammar
 187 corrected for proposed signs, suggested to use less wordy sign, sign
 188 quoted – \$323.15
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 190 Design Cindy motioned – Deb seconded – design approved with grammar
 191 changes
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 193 Payment – do we pick who makes signs? Get quote from Hooksett sign
 194 maker? – to be picked up at sept meeting
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196 9. ELECTRIC BIKES ON TRAILS

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 198 Resident brought question about e bike on trails, not on riverwalk
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 200 Kiwanis has not commented,
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 202 Ebikes come in 3 classes, class 1 should be fine, no evidence to suggest
 203 they are rougher on trails, continue in September
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205 10. 16 acres off Egawes Dr donated to Hooksett via con com

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 207 Sept town council needs to accept land, then con com, land needs
 208 easement/easement holder/etc. Bear paw would be willing to
 209 hold easement, need survey, etc.
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211 Cost between \$27-\$30k

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 213 DES may not have approved the donation in lieu of mitigation fee
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 215 Proposed to use warrant article to pay for easement work on 16
 216 acres.
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218 Maps exist of proposed donation

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 220 State historical society may participate in recovery due to Henry
 221 David Thoreau staying on property
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223 Conservation easement means it will be conservation land
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225 X. Additional business brought up by the Conservation Commission:

- 226 1. Jo Carol Annual Report – continued in September

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

233 August 24, Alex to present to town council for ARPA funds

234 Possible bat house donation according to Deb

235 During Hooksett birthday, two volunteers were found to help with the trail. They were
236 emailed, but no response

237 Tamara Collins approached commission looking to volunteer, was explained possible roles,
238 and told to follow up with Leann McLaughlin

239 On a main nature trail, people are not cleaning up after their pets, citizens clean up trails,
240 committee thanks them for their efforts, dog ban discussion was previously discussed and
241 dismissed. Continue in sept.
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243 **Adjourned: 6:32 PM**
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