

1 HOOKSETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION

2 Monday, October 17, 2022

3 4:00pm

4 Hooksett Municipal Building

5 35 Main Street

6 Town Council Chambers

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8 I. Open Meeting 4: pm

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10 Attendance/Introductions:

11 I. Cindy Robertson-Chair, JoCarol Woodburn- Vice Chair, Phil Fitanides-Member, Deborah  
12 Miville- Member, Robert Better-Member, Alex Walczyk- Town Council Representative, John  
13 Pieroni-Alternate, Sheena Gilbert Planning- board rep

14 II. Excused:

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16 III. Pledge of Allegiance

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18 IV. Public Input: Kathy Mclean resident, Dale Road

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20 V. I watched last meeting and felt I needed to be heard. ***Kathy showed a bob cat picture.***  
21 While I think it is magnificent and it made my day to watch it. The discovery of a bob cat  
22 at the river walk was spectacular. The trail has been there since the glaciers, the terrain  
23 has changed, and the beavers have come and gone, but it is not up to us to remove  
24 them. the stewardship to maintain the trails does not give us the right to remove them  
25 We are stewards of more than just the trail. We need to take into consideration the  
26 animals the birds and yes, the trail and the terrain. Last meeting it struck me that the  
27 conversation of removing the beavers did not fix the flooding problems it is still a  
28 flooded. The problem Dan Tatem stated it was a flood plain you can build a bridge over  
29 the water. Watching the meeting and all the discussion never once did anyone talk  
30 about the negative impact of what would be bothered from removing the beavers. That  
31 disturbed me. Other animals that I have seen are turtles. There are 7 native species and  
32 more than half of them are in this area. Nowhere in any conversation did anyone talk  
33 about the impact on the turtles. I don't know what kind are there, but we went ahead  
34 and impacted them. The other thing I noticed that the person that came up with killing  
35 the beavers it was talked about the beaver dam may come back and he will kill them  
36 again. Killing them is not the answer. The trail is there for us to see the beavers and the  
37 pond. In 2020 when the fields were mowed down the monarchs disappeared, I wrote a  
38 letter and then the beaver happened I came and talked with you.

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40 VI. Consent Agenda

41 i. NHDES Documented Violations: Land Resources Management file #:2022-01488

42 Subject Property: 58 Hackett Hill Rd Map 13 Lot 45

43 ii. Conservation News

44 iii. DES Services: Notice of Public Hearing and Comment Period Cummings Printing Co

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***Motion to approve the Consent Agenda made by JoCarol, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alex, All in favor***

**VII. Meeting Minutes Approvals**

09/12/2022

Motion to approve by Alex 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob all in favor

Comments line 1 them on trail not trial. Line 7 indicates JoCarol motioned and 2<sup>nd</sup>?

3<sup>rd</sup> page *target shooting* came from a constituent. It actually came from John

Lyscars. Alex 2<sup>nd</sup> page boundary line agreement Alex's name is miss spelled and

JoCarol also throughout the doc. Phil page 2 steak should be stake

**VIII. Invoices:**

iv. NH Association of Conservation Commissions Membership Dues: \$800.00

***Motion to approve NH Association of Conservation Commissions Membership Dues***

***\$800.00 Made by Alex, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sheena. All in favor***

Phil if you multiply \$800.00 by all NH conservation commission groups, that is a lot. I

want to know what they do with that money

Cindy they provide legislation and back up support. They also provide trainings.

JoCarol there is a letter in the packet that outlines what they do.

Phil when it comes to legislation we can go online and look at what they are doing

we can follow that

Cindy I don't follow up on it but they do reach out when they have something we

should be aware of. We can pay again this yr and keep an eye on what they do and

review it. If anyone wants to informally track it and see if we can keep track of the

legislation

v. Stantec Open Space Survey and Monumentation Project Invoice #1989097

\$25,683.75

***Motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of task 1 Stantec Open Space Survey and Monumentation***

***Project Invoice #1989097 is the amount of \$25,683.75***

***made by Alex, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deb. All in favor***

Bob didn't they come in less than anticipated?

Cindy that was task 2

**IX. Appointments: None**

**X. Other Business**

**Conservation Commission Budget – FY 2023-24**

Cindy the HCC budget is \$1000.00 the same as last yr it will be reviewed by Budget Committee

next Thursday. I am not planning on attending.

Alex \$800 for the association fee is not listed.

89 Deb yes, it is under the training and dues line

90 Alex so that is the bulk of the budget some of the items are in Administration or last yr it was  
91 said that if we need some items, we can get it from Administration?

92 Cindy no we have had everything covered under our budget. When we have members go to the  
93 conference it is the remaining. If we don't pay the association fee, we would have more in the

94 Budget

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96 **NH Association of Conservation Commissions Annual Conference Nov, 5<sup>th</sup>**

97 Sheena FYI- if you register before the 22 of this month you save \$10.00 after the 22<sup>nd</sup> it goes to  
98 \$70.00

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100 **Heads Pond Conservation Area Documentation**

101 ***Continued Discussion-update***

102 Cindy One question came up when the boundary goes through a pond do we want them to  
103 continue through that or not. I don't know a lot about marking boundaries in wetlands do they  
104 mark it.

105 John you won't be putting a trail through a pond so no don't mark it

106 Cindy the way I envision it, I am inclined to not worry about it. is there a scenario that it would  
107 be important. We could ask them to put a stake on it

108 Sheena I don't think they have to mark it

109 Cindy we will say no

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111 **Stewardship Plan: Carriage Manor, University Heights, Town Pond and School District.**

112 ***Continued Discussion-update***

113 ***Dan Tatem sent some pictures of some areas of issues***

114 Cindy there is a 40-foot stretch that goes through the school property. It is not our land it is the  
115 schools or Greenview's. We can let the school know and if they want to hire an attorney and  
116 clear it up with Greenview. I did ask Dan to put it in a memo and we will send it to the school.

117 Also, a hunting stand is on the school property they will have to deal with that.

118 The picture of the garden is off the owner's lot. I think we will send the owners a letter and  
119 maybe after the winter they won't replant the garden knowing it is not on their land.

120 The Sandbags wall with wire fencing, Dan was going to look at it we can take it up at next  
121 meeting

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123 **Riverwalk Trail Work needed for Loop Warrant Article Request**

124 ROW work the additional \$550 will be cheaper to do now and get down. It is located just before  
125 you get to the swing gate.

126 ***Cindy made a Motion to approve the cost of the ROW to include the topo work \$5,975.00, not  
127 to exceed \$6200.00. paid out of Special Conservation fund. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob. All in favor***

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129 **Conservation Commission Warrant Article Request for Land Improvements**

130 We are looking for \$250,000.00 from the town. I think Council is reviewing these the end of the  
131 month. We will have to see what items we can use with our 2 revenue accounts. We still have  
132 another project of the community center and land donation if the town accepts the land

133 John if the town accepts the land it will be as conservation land?

134 Cindy yes and Bear Paw will put it in an easement

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### 136 **Discussion for Benches for Riverwalk trail**

137 Phil provided quotes for 3 Iron wood benches from Genest Precast. Do we want 8 or 6ft  
138 benches? It is cheaper in the long run for pairs of park bench \$840.00 for one portion of the  
139 benches. We can pay when we pick them up, but it cannot stay on their facility. They did say  
140 the sometime in January the products will go up an additional 10%.

141 Bob where are they located

142 Cindy with the wood added each bench is \$1480 each and we are looking at 3 of them. How did  
143 we do this last time with DPW?

144 Phil yes, adding iron wood that is the cost. If we go to teak wood, it is more. I don't remember  
145 how long it took for our order last time, but they were quick. They make 1 a day we would need  
146 3 days

147 Cindy Ironwood is what we have. We have 2 different places. If we get 3 and 1 doesn't have a  
148 place yet can we move it?

149 Phil they are about 1500lbs maybe we could store one a DPW

150 Cindy it can be stored outside? It would be good to get it now before they go up in price. We  
151 will need it when the rest of the trail is done.

152 JoCarol do they put them together on site?

153 Phil DPW assembled for us last time and moved them. Should I find out what type of machine it  
154 would be?

155 Cindy they did it before so we need to know if DPW will store it for up to a yr. we are looking at  
156 \$4040 for the 3 benches

157 Alex if they can't store it we should not buy it

158 Phil if we put the benches assembled on the property outside could DPW move them when we  
159 are ready?

160 Cindy they know what it takes. We have until January, if the rates increase. In Nov we will vote  
161 on the amount and find out if DPW can drive to Maine pick them up and put them together and  
162 store them. Do we buy 2 or 3 assembled or unassembled?

163 ***Continue this discussion in November***

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### 165 **Hooksett Old Home Day Recap**

166 13 new Friends of the Trail signed up

167 ***JoCarol asked Kathy to Send out a welcome email to the new Friends of the trail.***

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### 169 **Target Shooting Prohibited Signs: Posted signage design**

#### 170 ***Continued Discussion***

171 ***Signage approvals: Motion to approve the Voss Sign quote made by JoCarol to approve a***  
172 ***quote for the Clay Pond and Quimby trails for up to \$400.00 2<sup>nd</sup> by Phil all in Favor***

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### 174 **Electronic Bikes on Trails**

175 ***Continued discussion***

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177 John do we want to get more information on them  
178 Cindy most trails allow class 1 few allow the class 2 and 3 e-bikes.  
179 JoCarol how fast do they go?  
180 Cindy class 1 goes about 20miles and hour. Some faster, that is why the electric bike is a big  
181 discussion. It is about people getting hit  
182 Bob the electric scooters are a problem too do we want to limit it to just the e bikes  
183 Cindy we need to do some research on your own and see what we find out.  
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185 JoCarol posted a new article about dogs on the trail and bags on the trail  
186 Blazing on the pinnacle has been getting done. John will get in touch with Rue and let Bob know  
187 when they are out there again.  
188 Bob the birthday celebration we had there had 13 people on the new trail and it was not well  
189 liked because it was steep.

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191 **XI. Additional business brought up by the Conservation Commission:**

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193 **Jo Carol Annual Report**

194 ***Continued discussion***

195 We got our \$80,000 in the grant money!

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197 Cindy I got in trouble allowing the nature groupie kids to clean the trails and DES wants to see  
198 the trail.

199 Bob the trail by the river is being used heavily.

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

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206 ***Adjourned: Motion made by Cindy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by JoCarol @ 5:25***

207 ***Minutes respectfully submitted by Kathy Lawrence***