

**Conservation Commission  
April 5, 2017  
Meeting Minutes**

**Call to order: 7:06 PM**

**Members Present:** Janet Cote, Carroll Brown, and Richard Batchelder, and Sandra Heaney.

**Minutes Review and Approval:** Sandra asked that the paragraph regarding 23 acres of wetlands be removed from new business, statement was incorrect. Also under update of snowmobile trail, walking the trail would be Mike Butler and Forest Society. Changes were amended by minute taker on 4/6/17. Richard Batchelder approved minutes, seconded by Sandra Heaney. All in favor 4-0-0.

**Correspondence Review:** Info Requests, Wetlands Permits, Planning Board, Zoning Board, etc.

Ivan Quinchia/Mayhew Solar Plans was approved 3/22/17. The program will be moving forward.

Janet Cote noted that she will follow up on the permit for the minor site plan review of 293 West Shore Road.

Janet Cote announced the April scheduled meetings for Planning Board, Historic Commission and Bristol Capital Improvements Committee. None of the meetings pertain to the Conservation Commission, all were in agreement.

The GCCD is having their Annual Meeting to Celebrate Conservation on 5/4/17 from 6-9:00pm at Alumni Hall in Haverhill.

**New Business:**

**Election of Officers:** Sandra Heaney moved to elect and Richard Batchelder seconded for Janet Cote to stay in office as chairperson. Richard Batchelder moved to elect Sandra Heaney as vice chair and Carroll Brown second. Motion approved 4-0-0.

**Membership Interest:** Janet Cote introduced Bonnie MacGillvary as a potential new member to the Conservation Commission. The Commission gave Bonnie a minor review on what the Conservation Commission entails. Sandra Heaney mentioned that she has a potential new member from the NLRA.

**Breck Plankey Spring:** There was a pipe frozen mid march at the spring. Commission is not sure how and why this happened but apparently someone had removed the cap and valve was turned on full power. The commission has purchased items to further prevent tampering of the well and valve.

The Commission would like to place some kind of camera, but Janet Cote remarked that this

could be a liability because this is town property, Janet Cote is going to look into this.

It has also been discussed in the past posting a sign "Use at Own Risk" but Commission is not sure about this wording. This spring has a new sealed concrete cover and is tested quarterly. Carroll Brown had at the 2/1/17 meeting presented to the Commission a detailed report on the "Safety of Drinking Water from Roadside Springs", the Commission is in agreement that maybe a condensed version of this report could be made into a pamphlet and this could be placed at the spring site.

#### **Wetlands & Shoreland Permits:**

Sandra Heaney presented to the Commission the plans for Kenneth & Linda Rossi/Alan Barnard plans for the Custom Auto Shop on Lake Street. This is just a preliminary plan with measurements for the area to be developed. Commission is in agreement that a Wetland Scientist would be needed to confirm the wetland area.

Sandra Heaney also presented to the Commission the suggestion that a joint workshop for the Conservation Commission and Planning Board be scheduled. The Commission is in agreement that the Wetlands ordinance needs to be strengthened and Janet Cote feels the Commission needs to be behind this.

#### **Old Business:**

Sandra Heaney did not have anything new to report on the Snowmobile Trail.

Janet Cote would like the plaque for the Mason Westfall Memorial be finalized.

At next month's meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Janet Cote will present the Conservation Commission's budget.

**Adjournment:** Sandra Heaney moved to adjourn and seconded by Richard Batchelder at 8:25pm. Next meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2017. 4-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Sarto