

Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes of
2/21/24

PRESENT: Tim Lovell, Steve Ungerer, Karen Cozzens, Neil Reardon, David Treat, Brent Ebner, Erin O'Neill and Jim Wilkinson.

GUESTS: David Jones and Susan and Doug Johnson, J. Guthrie (arrived at 7:15PM)

Mr. Lovell called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Minutes: Mr. Lovell made a motion to accept the minutes of 1/17/24. The motion was seconded By Mr. Treat. Vote: 7-0-1 (Ms. O'Neill abstained) Motion passes.

Mr. Reardon said that he will be resigning as he is moving to Atkinson. Mr. Jones expressed his interest in becoming a member of the Commission and provided a little background. He has lived in Town for 30 years and would like to do some volunteer work. He believes that the conservation land is a real asset and would be happy to help work on any of the bridges.

Susan and Doug Johnson would like to volunteer as well and perhaps help Jim Wilkinson with the painting on the trees along the trails. They would like to give back to the Town as well.

Mr. Wilkinson mentioned that there is a boggy area near Stage Road, the water comes from DPW, this is a stormwater issue that needs to be resolved.

There was a discussion about the amount of money that has been added to the Land Purchase Fund from the current use that has been received. The total for conservation was \$47,500, it is split 50/50 with the Town and came from Endicott land development.

Easements placed upon conservation land were brought up. Other allowed uses may be added to the easement such as water to an abutter but not HAWC. Mr. Ebner said that it could be a liability if a community well is developed and why should one person benefit when the parcel(s) are purchased with Town funds? Ms. O'Neill said that the abutting property owner could be listed as the owner of the well in his/her deed.

Membership

Mr. Lovell offered the office of Chairman to anyone who was interested. Hearing none,

Mr. Wilkinson made a motion to nominate Tim Lovell as the Chairman. The motion was seconded by Ms. O'Neill. Vote 7-0-1 (Mr. Lovell abstained).

Mr. Readon made a motion to nominate Mr. Wilkinson as Vice-Chairman. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ungerer. VOTE: 7-0-1 (Mr. Wilkinson abstained).

Snowshoe walk

The event will be held on February 24th at 7PM. It will start at Hadley Road. Mr. Wilkinson has been conducting monthly historical hikes. He will advertise upcoming hikes by placing them on the library's calendar, the Hampstead Community Page, Facebook and the Sunset Lake Association.

Mr. Ungerer mentioned that a tree is down at the intersection of the blue and purple trails.

Mr. Ebner said that the beaver dams near the covered bridge and into Plaistow are causing a lot of water damage.

Mr. Lovell made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Wilkinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting ended at 7:40PM

Next meeting 3/20/24

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Theriault, Recording Secretary