

**Conservation Commission  
Meeting minutes of  
March 20, 2019**

**PRESENT:** Paul Carideo, Bill Guest, Tim Lovell, Brent Ebner, Neil Reardon and Steve Ungerer.

**GUEST:** The Cotes and neighbors

Mr. Lovell called the meeting to order at 7PM

**Minutes**

Mr. Lovell made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of February 20, 2019, Mr. Ebner seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-1 (Mr. Reardon abstained).

**Warrant Article #18 Outcome**

The Commission questioned whether or not they could change the deed to read “conservation” instead of “easement”. Mr. Carideo said that the way the Article was amended and subsequent vote, you couldn’t tell if someone was voting against the cell tower or for the easement.

The Commission spoke about putting easements/conservation restrictions on the other parcels. Mr. Carideo said that with the potential water shortage, whether short term or long term consequences, by restricting the Town’s land, it may inhibit the ability to get water for homes in the future. We may need a municipal water system in the future. Mr. Reardon said that a water tower would be an appropriate use for the area.

A conservation easement will need a third party to be stewards of the land. If there is a conservation restriction on the land it is a lengthy process to remove it.

Mr. Carideo explained that terminology and language has changed over the years and the intent back in 1990’s may not be interpreted the same as today. The intent years ago was to discourage development. Conservation might not want to put harsh restrictions on land that might be needed for water in the future.

According to Mr. Guest, if the warrant article in the 1990s said easement and the recent one said easement then that is what should be pursued.

The Commission has asked for the definition between easement and conservation and to conduct title research on the three acre parcel in question.

**Boy Scout Eagle Project**

David Powers from Troop 33 presented his Eagle Scout project to the Commission. He would like to make and install a kiosk(s) for the trail system. The Commission discussed the locations. Brent Ebner suggested a couple of different locations and explained what the signage would look like. David is planning on raising all of the funds. The

Commission offered financial assistance if it is needed. No new trails are planned and the existing ones are multiuse trails.

### **Water Advocates**

The warrant article was approved to have a groundwater committee. An update was given concerning the status of the water from Manchester to Windham to Salem to Atkinson to Plaistow. The water line isn't expected until the Spring 2020. The disinfecting system will have to be changed for Atkinson and Hampstead because different chemicals are used and are not compatible with each other.

The Commission would consider giving the organization some startup money if it is needed. They were thinking about \$1,000 to come from one of the funds.

### **Mr. Guest's Five Point Suggestions**

Mr. Guest reviewed his suggestions from the previous meeting.

One guest at the meeting mentioned potential grants for the purchase of land through Northern Essex. The grants range from \$25 to \$30K. She would be happy to help with the grant writing process.

### **Upcoming events**

Mr. Lovell requested help at the Lion's Club Health Clinic, which is scheduled for April 6<sup>th</sup>

The Commission also discussed the roadside clean-up.

Mr. Lovell made a motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Mr. Reardon. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

The next meeting will be held on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sally Theriault, AA Town of Hampstead