

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

PRESENT: Tim Lovell, Paul Carideo, David Treat, Neil Reardon, Brent Ebner and Steve Ungerer.

Guests: Lee Sarapas and Hadley Road area neighbors

Mr. Lovell called the meeting to order at 7PM

Minutes

Mr. Treat made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of October 16, 2019, the motion was seconded by Mr. Ungerer. Vote: 4-0 (Mr. Lovell and Mr. Ebner abstained)

Ground Water Protection Ordinance

Mr. Sarapas was hopeful that the Conservation Commission had an opportunity to review the ordinance that was being supported by the Planning Board. The Commission discussed section f and that businesses would fall within this zone. The gas station on route 111 and Hazel Drive was discussed. Mr. Carideo said that the storage tanks are gone and Section K will be grandfathered. The GWPO is concerned with potential groundwater pollution that is not already identified by DES. New uses in this area is defined by GWPO. It was mentioned that a variance could be requested. The Household Hazardous Waste Day is exempt in total. Junk yards are prohibited as being a high risk potential. Chemical risks are inspected at companies and a report will be left with the business owner. Hampstead and Atkinson do not have a GWPO. DES will provide training for inspections. The Water Resource Committee members could do the inspections, since DES doesn't have the personnel. The Ordinance gives the Town the clear authority to do the inspections.

Well head protection map covers about 75% of the Town. Mr. Sarapas is looking for the Conservation Commission to be onboard with the ordinance. Someone will be hired to verify the data on the maps and could reduce the well head protection radius. Mr. Sarapas wants to speak at the deliberative session, however this is a Planning Board ordinance, which has already gone through the public hearing process.

Mr. Treat made a motion that the Conservation Commission supports the Ordinance. Mr. Lovell seconded the motion. Vote 6-0. Motion passes.

Mr. Sarapas brought up the topic of invasive plants. He would work with a point person on the Commission if the Commission is interested. Mr. Treat is very knowledgeable regarding plants and trees. The Commission gave examples of how they have tried to eradicate some invasive species.

Trail System and Conservation Land

The wording of the easement/deeds for the five parcels in the Hadley/Kelley Brook area is still in the process of being drafted. There are questions concerning wording that would allow the construction of a cell tower and utilities.

There was a beaver dam at Darby Brook that was released by Mr. Lovell. The Commission is considering putting in a pipe to alleviate the problem.

Some signs are missing along the trail system.

Mr. Treat attending “Saving Special Places’ and there are new wetland rules concerning the permitting process and application. There will only be 14 days in which to allow the Commission to comment on any project. A designated person will have to come in and review the application since the Commission meets monthly. Applications are filed with the Town Clerk/Tax Collector’s office. Mr. Lovell will be the point person.

Mr. Reardon made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lovell. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting ended at 8:10 PM.

The next meeting will be held on January 15, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sally Theriault