Conservation Commission Meeting minutes of September 19, 2018

PRESENT: Tim Lovell, David Treat, Paul Carideo, Bill Guest, Brent Ebner and Steve Ungerer

Mr. Lovell called the meeting to order at 7PM

Minutes

Mr. Lovell made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of August 15, 2018 Mr. Treat seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-1 (Mr. Lovell abstained).

Conference

Member of the Commission will let the office know if they are interested in attending the conference. The cost is \$60 per attendee, which will be paid out of conservation's budget.

Budget

The budget was reviewed. Shop Pond is still clear but the budget may need to be increased in 2020 for treatment. If the GIS system overlay is submitted when all of the other information is submitted (1/1/19-3/30/19) then there will be no additional charges. Members were discussing GIS trails data. Mr. Treat did the West side and Messrs. Ebner and Ungerer have done the East side. Both private and public conservation land can be color coded. There will be red and white crosses to show emergency access. It may be helpful to have this on the E-911 mapping. \$250 will be added to the budget for GIS map work. The ground workers line item will be increased to \$350. Mr. Treat said that he would like a softer edge when mowing the fields for the animals. Mr. Carideo mentioned that the berry bushes are cut down too and there are animals and birds, such as turkeys and ground hogs out there. A weed whacker may be needed and that can be from the equipment fund. \$1000 should be adequate. \$500 should be added to the trail maintenance fund.

It was noted that two dead trees could damage the "piano bridge" if they come down.

Father Zac

Youth groups go out to properties for 2-3 hours and work on properties. Mr. Lovell will have the group work on erosion control near the granite bridge. The gully will be filled with stones and the sides will be built up on the zig zag trail.

Mr. Carideo gave an update concerning the Planning Board. There was a discussion on the development of Gigante Drive and doing away with the fire pond. There will be a change of use for the old E. Hampstead post office.

Mr. Guest thought that the Commission might want to have UNH extension do a resource inventory.

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

The meeting ended at 7:55 PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting is October 17, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted, Sally Theriault, AA Town of Hampstead