

Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes of
5/17/23

PRESENT: Tim Lovell, Karen Cozzens, Steve Ungerer, Neil Reardon, David Treat and Jim Wilkinson .

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

Minutes: Mr. Lovell made a motion to accept the minutes of 4/19/23. The motion was seconded. Vote: 6-0. Motion passes.

Mr. Lovell made a motion to allow Ms. Cozzens to act as a Fulltime member for tonight's meeting. Mr. Wilkinson seconded the motion. the motion passed.

Map 3 Lot 133

Mr. Lovell provided an update on the parcel. A thin strip of conservation land is now underwater. Docks are seen in an aerial photograph. The property owners have access to the water, but the deed was not specific. The two parcels are allowed to have walking access to the water over conservation land. There are other items on the land that need to be removed. Mr. Lovell will help to remove the pressure treated dock if needed. One of the residents has created a nice lawn area on the conservation land. Mr. Lovell thought that the owner of the parcel could keep a pathway open to access the water, but the rest of the cleared land should go back to its original state or indigenous plants like blue berry bushes should be planted in the cleared area. The aluminum dock needs to be removed as well. Mr. Lovell will draft a letter to the owner. He will also send a letter to the SNHPF association with the outcome.

Cutting trails

The trails will be cut back to allow for emergency vehicles and equipment if needed.

Review effectiveness of Burning Bush Treatment

Mr. Treat said that the treatment last year was effective. Only a few of the bushes are resprouting. There was one rather large area that was not treated last year. When asked, Mr. Treat said that there has been no effect on wildlife and insects with the treatment that is being used.

Story Book

Ms. O'Neill will be working on a storybook walk. Mr. Reardon believes that the commission is steering more towards recreation than conservation. Mr. Treat said that a good use of the property is to allow and encourage recreation.

Other

A donation from The Hampstead Hearts was received in the amount of \$150, it will go into the trails fund.

Hike

Mr. Wilkinson said that there was a hike on Whitcher Road, 8 people participated. There are two short trails, and one leads to an old stone foundation, which should be identified as a point of interest. A trail map for this area will be placed at the trailhead. He is also working on the 275th anniversary, which will be 1/19/2024. They may have a metal detecting outing.

Mr. Lovell made a motion to go into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91A: 3 II (d) land purchase.

Roll Call:

Karen Cozzens -yes

David Treat – yes

Neal Reardon – yes

Jim Wilkinson – yes

Steve Ungerer – yes

Tim Lovell – yes

Motion to come out of non-public. That motion was seconded.

Roll Call:

Karen Cozzens -yes

David Treat – yes

Neal Reardon – yes

Jim Wilkinson – yes

Steve Ungerer – yes

Tim Lovell – yes

Mr. Lovell made a motion to go into non-public under RSA 91A:3 II (c) reputation.

Roll Call:

Karen Cozzens -yes

David Treat – yes

Neal Reardon – yes

Jim Wilkinson – yes

Steve Ungerer – yes

Tim Lovell – yes

Mr. Lovell made a motion to come out of Non-public. The motion was seconded.

Roll Call:

Karen Cozzens -yes

David Treat – yes

Neal Reardon – yes

Jim Wilkinson – yes

Steve Ungerer – yes

Tim Lovell – yes

Mr. Lovell made a motion to seal the minutes. Mr. Ungerer seconded the motion. Vote: 6-0

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

The meeting ended at approximately 7:40 PM

Next meeting 6/21/23

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Theriault, Recording Secretary