

**Town of New Hampton
Conservation Commission
Minutes**

New Hampton Town Office
Upstairs Meeting Room, 6 Pinnacle Hill Rd.
February 16, 2015

Commission members present: D. Moore (Chair), B. Rolfe, P. Schlesinger

The Chair opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

1) Minutes:

B. Rolfe moved and P. Schlesinger seconded accept the minutes for the 12/17/2014
Vote was unanimous.

2). Moore reported the Commission has an agreement with the Sno-Streakers Snowmobile Club to maintain the State's snowmobile trail through Kelly-Drake Conservation Area, and they may need assistance in gaining access to groom the trail. Rolfe volunteered to contact the Club and assist in acquiring the needed access.

3) Erin Darrow from Right Angle Engineering forwarded a web page with a listing of US Department of Agriculture grants for environmental projects. It was decided that we should ask Bob Pollock to investigate the possibility of the Commission's eligibility for these grants to aid with constructing the trail on the Snake River Conservation Area.

4) Reviewing notes from our January 17, 2015 retreat the following questions were raised:

- a) The Bald Ledge property (Tax Map Location: U-14-33 Acres: 1.8) is listed as being owned by Francis X. McManus Jr., and this should be confirmed, as it was the Commissioners belief that this was town property. It was decided that Moore will make an inquiry.
- b) Five Smoke Rise Properties (U-8-25 Acres: 1.0; U-8-26 Acres: 1.08; U-8-27 Acres: 1.04; U-8-33 Acres: 1.17; U-8-34 Acres: 1.54; For a Total Acreage of 4.8) it was not clear if these were controlled by the Commission and what type of deed restrictions are in place. Again it was decided that Moore would make an inquiry.
- c) The Town owned property (Tax Map Location: U-17-38 Acres: 3.25) is listed as having a conservation easement on Tax Map U-17. Moore will also check this.

5) New Business: Moore informed the commissioners that R. Kirshner, former commission chair, had forwarded information about a grant opportunity from NH Fish and Game Department which would cover mowing on the Kelly-Drake Conservation area. Schlesinger moved and Rolfe seconded a motion to apply for the grant. Motion approved unanimously.

6) Old Business: Moore mentioned that he was notified that our NHANRS dues were due. Rolfe moved and Schlesinger seconded authorization to pay our NHANRS dues. Motion approved unanimously.

Submitted,
D. Moore, Acting Scribe