

# **Town of New Hampton Conservation Commission**

Minutes of Work Session/Retreat

**New Hampton Town Office**  
Upstairs Meeting Room, 12 Pinnacle Hill Rd.  
9:00 am to 12:00 pm, January 17, 2015

Present: Daniel Moore (Chair), Bob Pollack, Barry Rolfe, Pat Schlesinger

## **Review of Conservation Owned Properties:**

### Bald Ledge:

- Tax Map Location: U-14-33 Acres: 1.8
- Walk and examine property
- Clear away vegetation from trail signs
- Work with Heritage Commission to protect and develop an area around a cellar hole along the trail to the Ledge

### Glines Memorial Forest

- Tax Map Location: R-3-3 Acres: 40
- Walk and examine property
- Develop forest management plan

### Jackson Pond Property

- Tax Map Location: R-18-14 Acres: 2.8
- Walk and examine property
- Develop forest management plan
- Investigate possible access for canoes and kayaks

### Jenness Spring Land

- Tax Map Location: R-2-A2 Acres: 6.3
- Walk and examine property
- Develop forest management plan

### Kelley-Drake Farm Land & Islands

- Tax Map Location: R-4-40 Acres: 171; R-4-50 Acres: .69; R-5-6 Acres: 33; R-5-8 Acres: .85; R-5-12 Acres: 12 (total acres: 273.54)
- Walk and examine property
- Develop forest management plan
- Continue use relationship with scouts, schools, and snowmobilers
- Attempt to have small section of land from Andy Blake et.al. gifted or purchased to connect the various fragments into a more contiguous lot

### Snake River Conservation Area

- Tax Map Location: R-7-34 Acres: 8; R-7-39 Acres: 8.8; R-7-47A Acres: 5.09 (total acres 21.89)
- Walk and examine property
- Continue with trail design work by Right Angle Engineering
- Begin searching and applying for grants to offset cost of building trail

### **Review of Conservation Commission Held Easements on Property:**

#### Dixon Hill Easement

- Tax Map Location: R-19-3 Acres: 51
- Review recent monitoring reports
- Walk and examine property
- Prepare schedule for annual monitoring of easement

#### Riverwood Easement

- Tax Map Location: U-17-17 Acres: 7.85
- Review recent monitoring reports
- Walk and examine property
- Prepare schedule for annual monitoring of easement

### **Review of Known Conservation Easements on Private Property:**

#### Candito Trust Property:

- Tax Map Location: R-9-1 Acres: 176.62
- Seek permission to walk and examine property

#### Friends of Jackson Pond:

- Tax Map Location: R-18-11 Acres: 11
- Seek permission to walk and examine property

#### Hager Property

- Tax Map Location: R-9-13 Acres: 47
- Seek permission to walk and examine property

#### New England Forestry Foundation:

- Tax Map Location: R-2-11 Acres: 7.52; R-2-13 Acres: 287; R-2-14 Acres: 89; R-2-11 Acres: 99.5 (total acres: 482)
- Seek permission to walk and examine property

### **Stewardship** (proposed activities to be complete over the next calendar year)

- Fulfill our obligations to review wetland applications, dredge and fill operations, and other resource related activities, such as monitoring conservation easements for the town.

- To assess the immediate and long term needs of and opportunities for town properties relative to their aesthetic, recreation, educational, and environmental uses and worth.
- Address these immediate needs and opportunities in accordance with our resources

**Projects** (proposed activities to be complete over several years)

- When facing more complex and complicated opportunities for developing and stewarding our properties and natural resources we commit to engage in building and managing networks of concerned groups to fund and complete these projects in a timely manner.

**Strategic Initiative** (proposed activities to be complete next five to ten years)

- Maintain and develop relationships with interested governmental groups (Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Master Plan Sub Committee, Heritage Commission, Lakes Region Planning Commission, NH Department of Environmental Services, NH Department of Resources and Economic Development, etc.), non-profit organizations (local historical societies, various recreational, sporting, and environmental interest groups), and private commercial operations to develop a pattern of sensible development for New Hampton that respects our open spaces and natural resources.

Submitted by Daniel Moore, Scribe