

**Town of New Hampton
Conservation Commission
Minutes**

New Hampton Town Office
Upstairs Meeting Room, 6 Pinnacle Hill Rd.
April 13, 2015

Commission members present: D. Moore (Chair), R. Pollack, 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 2/9/2015
Vote was unanimous.

2) Chair's Report:

- a) Moore stated that his latest communication with Right Angle Engineering concerning the Snake River Conservation Property trail focused upon grant possibilities and that a design review would be forthcoming.
- b) Moore reported that he had conversations with staff members of Plymouth State University's Center for Rural Partnerships (CRP) and Center for the Environment (CFE) concerning the possibility of having students engage in a variety of service learning projects. It was decided that Moore should invite Ben Amsden from CRP to a future Commission meeting for further discussions.
- c) Moore reported that he attended the University System of New Hampshire's Saving Special Places Conference on Saturday 4/11/2015 and there was much information about conserving farming as a way to maintain open space and reasonable development.
- d) Moore reported that Richard Leroux has an upcoming meeting with the Selectmen and may be joining the Commission in May.

3) Discussion of the steps to be taken for gaining an understanding of the current state of the various properties in New Hampton that have, or could have, conservation easements and developing into a more comprehensive approach to guiding the balance of future land use patterns.

- a) It was decided to prioritize our activities by first focusing on properties for which the ConCom has direct oversight responsibilities, secondly on town owned properties that may, or may not, currently be under conservation easements, and lastly, those private properties in town with conservation easements.
- b) The commissioners agreed that Moore would review the status of these properties at the town offices and begin to arrange dates to walk these properties. It was decided that because a quorum of commissioners may be present during these property tours, that Moore should arrange to have announcements and invite the New Hampton citizens to walk with us and that minutes should be taken and open for public review.

4) New Business: Pollack mentioned that he is currently working with the group creating the Town's master plan, and the work we are doing could and should easily fit into the master plan. Discussion followed that fitting with the master plan dovetails with the goal ConCom agreed upon during our January retreat of

linking with strategically with governmental units, and could be connected to using PSU students &our own information gathering to provide data for review and crafting a well construct outline for environment conservation and sensible development in New Hampton. It was agreed that we will continue to investigate these possibilities.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Submitted,
D. Moore, Acting Scribe

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