

**Town of New Hampton
Conservation Commission
Minutes**

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

Commission members present: Robert Pollock Jr (Vice Chair), Pat. Schlesinger, Richard Leroux, and Barry Rolfe

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

1. Minutes the May 11, 2015 meeting were approved; moved by P. Schlesinger and seconded by Barry Rolfe to accept the minutes for the 5/11/2015 meeting as written. Vote was unanimous.
2. Discussion of walk around for: Kelley-Drake & Smoke Rise.
 - a) Apple release
 - b) Property bounds
 - c) Blaze property lines
 - d) Forest management plan:

The Vice Chair discussed the apple release program for the Kelly Drake property and the discussed the site walk. Pat Schlesinger asked if we were able to get to one of the beaches. We explained because of the elements of the day we really did not get a chance to see the whole property. We explained that there was a significant number of apple trees on the site and that an apple release program would be beneficial to encourage wild life on the site. Richard Leroux moved that we proceed with the apple release program and Pat Schlesinger seconded the motion. The commission voted unanimously to move forward with the apple release program. The Vice Chair opened discussion about marking property bounds, blazing property lines and preparation of a forest management plan for the Kelly Drake property. The discussion of creating swimming areas on this site were opened and not pursued by the members present. Richard Leroux voted and Pat Schlesinger seconded that the commission proceed to hire a qualified person to prepare a forest management plan, including timber inventory, boundary marking and blazing and recreational recommendations for the Kelly Drake Property as well as other commission managed properties.
3. Plans for remaining property reviews the commission did not discuss this item and left it to the next meeting when the chairman returns.
4. Lake Host Program Lake Winona
 - a) Contributing to the host program

The vice chair explained that this is to match a \$1500 grant to pay college student on weekends to examine and if necessary clean boats going into Lake Winona so as to monitor invasive water weeds , as milfoil, before the water craft is placed into the lake. Barry Rolfe voted and Richard Leroux voted to use \$150 from the conservation trust funds as a contribution to match the\$1500 grant. And that in the 2016 operating budget, a category be

created that will allow the Conservation Commission to provide funding for requests as this, and that an amount of dollars be placed into this category. The commission voted to approve the motion.

5. Discussion of Ames Brook.

The vice chairman explained that this was informational only. The Town of Ashland does the periodic cleaning of the municipal water system in this area. The water from the system is drained into Ames Brook, allegedly creating environmental issues with the brook. The vice chair explained that Barbara Lucas has been in contact with the Town of Ashland and it has been determined that Ashland administrators are working with DES to resolve this issue. There should be an update at the August Meeting.

6. Material on easement monitoring, discussion postponed until the next meeting in August.

7. Planning for workshops, discussion postponed until the next meeting in August.

8. New Business

- a) Richard Leroux asked about a seasonal structure being built on Jackson Pond abutting the town property. It is approximately a 24' x 26' structure that is pretty well framed up at this point. The applicant has a DES approval # 201500808. The commission asked why they were not notified of this expedited permit. (Note: A conditional building permit was issued for this screen house structure April 2015) There was a discussion if abutter notices were needed before building permits are issued. The commission asked Bob Pollock to follow up on this item.
- b) Richard Leroux asked if the commission was going to apply for the part of the \$250,000 Moose Plate Grant. The applications have to be in by September 28th to qualify.
- c) Pat Schlesinger suggested we look for funds to clean up the Island and create trails on the island.

9. Old Business

No old business

The commission voted to adjourn at 7:40 pm.

Submitted by

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