

TOWN OF NEWMARKET, NH
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
 June 9, 2016

7:05 PM Council Chambers

Members Present: Jeff Goldknopf (Chair), Andrea Sellers (Treasurer), Marianne Hannagan, Patrick Reynolds, Julia Sinclair (alternate), Ezra Temko (Planning Board Rep), and Phil Nazzaro (Town Council Rep - Ex-Officio).

Members Absent: Drew Kiefaber (Vice Chair) was excused this evening to present the CC Scholarship at the High School Awards Ceremony.

Called to Order: 7:05 PM

Agenda Items:

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**

2. **Roll Call**

The Chair welcomed **Patrick Reynolds** as an official member of the Conservation Commission! The Chair also welcomed **Phil Nazzaro** to his first meeting this year as the Town Council Representative. This evening, the Chair appointed **Julia Sinclair** as a voting member for the meeting

3. **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

May 12, 2016:

Action

Motion: Jeff Goldknopf moved that the minutes of May 12, 2016 be approved with one spelling correction.

Second: Andrea Sellers

Vote: Approved 6-0-0

5. **Treasurer's Report**

Andrea Sellers reported that she spoke with Terry in the tax office about the current use taxes discussed at the last meeting. The monies pertained to two properties on Neal Mill Road and one property on Grant Road. Also, the kiosk project came in \$1.00 over estimate at \$1529.00! The check request for the scholarship was sent to the High School Guidance Office and must be cosigned by the recipient and the school/university that they will attend. **Drew Kiefaber** is at the ceremony this evening to present the award for the CC. The CC would like to thank those who applied for the CC Scholarship this year.

6. **Committee and Subcommittee Reports**

The Chair has been notified that **Phil Nazzaro** will serve as the Town Council Rep (Ex-Officio) and **Ezra Temko** will continue as the Planning Board Rep. this year. Thank you for serving!

Town Council: **Phil Nazzaro** mentioned several issues of interest to the CC: 1) the waste water treatment facility project is moving forward, 2) a study is planned to look at the roads that require paving, and

3) the EDC recommendations on zoning changes are being discussed. **Jeff Goldknopf** has requested that if subcommittees are appointed to discuss this or other zoning issues, that member(s) of the CC be included.

Planning Board: **Ezra Temko** reported on the future land use plan chapter. The PB will be voting on this at their next meeting. The PB has removed the 'pork chop' zoning from the plan. Robin Realty Newmarket Trust/Tuck Realty Corporation has sent the CC the updated plans for 36 Dame Road for an eleven lot open space subdivision on 28 acres, with septic and wells, leaving approximately 21 acres of open space. It has not been formally accepted by the PB yet, but, if a site walk is scheduled, **Ezra Temko** will notify the CC members.

7. Chairman's Report

Code Enforcement Notification: The Code Enforcement Officer has notified the Chair that there is a possible code violation along the Lamprey River and he has notified DES. The Code Enforcement Officer will keep the CC posted.

White Pine Health Concerns: Trish Simon notified the CC with concerns she has about the health of several white pines along Cushing Road. The Chair suggested she contact the State Division of Forestry and UNH Coop-Extension for an assessment. The CC appreciates citizen concerns about issues like this.

SELT Annual Meeting: The Chair attended the meeting at Flag Hill Winery & Distillery in Lee last week along with approximately 160 people. The Southeast Land Trust acknowledged that we are partners in the Bald Hill project. **Jeff Goldknopf** was given the opportunity to address the group. The Chair also spoke with conservation commission representatives from Newfields and Stratham. Both towns have produced 8 1/2 x 11" trail maps for their town. We might consider something like this for Newmarket. **Marianne Hannagan** thanked him for attending on our behalf.

The 2016 Newmarket Fishing Derby: The Fishing Derby is expected to be a great success this year. They have water in the pond and all the trout, too! Registration is free in advance and will be \$5.00 on the day of the event (scheduled for June 18, 2016 from 7- noon).

Wiggin Farm-Tuttle Swamp Management Plan Draft Addendum: The Chair has been in touch with Ellen Snyder and she is still working on the addendum. The draft addendum will be provided first to the State for comment. She will make any State suggested changes before submitting the draft to the CC. **Andrea Sellers** will meet with Ellen on site to set the stakes for the mowing limits at 5:00 pm on June 15.

Rec Connect Event with the Business Association: **Jeff Goldknopf** and **Drew Kiefaber** attended the Rec Connect meeting on May 26, 2016 at 6:00 pm in the downtown Mill Space. Amy Gigandet spoke about the kayak event.

Great Bay Matters: We received the recent newsletter and they have several events planned for children this summer. <http://greatbay.org/documents/gbmspring2016.pdf>

Chris Schoppmeyer Land Purchase Committee: The Committee is still working on selecting the appropriate property. There will be more news later.

8. Old/New Business

SOAK Great Bay Project: Laura Byego will be working on a project at 36 Briallia Circle for Bill and Liz Arcieri on June 19th. Those interested should stop by to see the result.

Piscassic-Loiselle & Schanda Park Kiosks: The Piscassic-Loiselle kiosk is now complete. **Drew Kiefaber**, **Bob Gazda**, and **Jeff Goldknopf** worked on Saturday. On the windy Sunday, **Bob Gazda** and **Jeff Goldknopf** continued the work. It was too windy to complete the shingles, so Kevin Martin returned to complete the roof later. It looks really good! Thanks to all who helped! The kiosk at Schanda Park is being worked on by Dick Lord and Samuel Preston from LRAC. The town is marking any underground utility lines and digging the post holes for Kevin. Kevin is busy until the 15th and will set the dates for work parties after that date.

Wiggin Farm Boundary Maintenance: The Chair mentioned that several emails have been exchanged with Boudreau Land Survey, but **Drew Kiefaber** is working on this matter and will report back to the CC with progress information.

"Picking Our Battles: A Guide to Planning Invasive Plant Management Projects": The Chair mentioned a new publication that may help us with planning in the future. To see the pdf go to:

https://extension.unh.edu/resources/files/Resource005539_Rep7725.pdf

Lamprey River Water Quality Sampling: **Andrea Sellers** is still looking for volunteers to help with water sampling of the Lamprey River and Piscassic River in Newmarket in June, July, and August. This is a project of the Lamprey River Watershed Association (<http://www.lrwa-nh.org/>) . **Andrea** coordinates and trains the volunteers. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact her.

9. Adjournment

Action

Motion: **Jeff Goldknopf** moved to adjourn the meeting.

Second: **Marianne Hannagan**

Vote: Approved 6 -0-0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 14, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Frick, Recording Secretary