

TOWN OF NEWMARKET, NH  
**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
 January 11, 2018

7:00 PM Council Chambers

Members Present: Drew Kiefaber (Chair), Patrick Reynolds (Vice Chair), Andrea Sellers (Treasurer), Jeff Goldknopf, Marianne Hannagan, Ann LaFortune, Rose-Anne Kwaks (Planning Board Rep), Cris Blackstone (alternate), Julia Sinclair (alternate), and Casey Finch (Town Council Rep-Ex-Officio)

Members Absent: none

Called to Order: 7:02 PM

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**

2. **Roll Call**

The Conservation Commission would like to welcome Cris Blackstone this evening. Thank you for agreeing to serve!

3. **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

December 14, 2017:

**Action**

**Motion:** Drew Kiefaber moved that the minutes of December 14, 2017 be approved as drafted.

**Second:** Andrea Sellers

**Vote:** Approved 5-0-2

5. **Treasurer's Report**

**Andrea Sellers**, Treasurer, gave a brief summary. There were no questions or comments.

6. **Committee and Subcommittee Reports**

Town Council: **Casey Finch** reported on the progress on the waste water permits. The Town is looking to determine what nitrogen output is feasible to maintain in the future. The Town is hoping for a range of 5-8 mg/liter. On January 3, the Town contracted with Energy Efficient Investments, Inc., <http://www.eeiservices.com/>, to perform an energy audit on Town and School buildings.

Planning Board: **Rose-Anne Kwaks** did not attend the last meeting, but received notification that the PB and the Economic Development Committee would be meeting with the TC in the coming weeks. The discussion will regard the development of the Rt. 152 gravel pit B3 zone. There is commission concern about the nearness of the aquifer. The land owners would like to re-zone the area and develop their property. Bringing town water and sewer to this area would be very costly.

7. **Chairman's Report**

Great Bay Matters-Winter 2018: <https://www.greatbay.org/documents/gbmwinter2018.pdf>

Aquatic Resource Mitigation Workshops:

<https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wetlands/wmp/documents/workshop-brochure.pdf>

New Road Drainage Project: Underwood Engineers Inc. has sent the CC copies of letters sent in response to earlier questions. They will be required to get a Shoreland Permit. They also included their plan changes. Calculation of land within the project area is 3,935 sq. ft. A drain line within 20 feet of an abutter has been approved by the abutter.

## 8. Old/New Business

Piscassic River/Loiselle Property Kiosk: **Julia Sinclair** spoke with Woody at Infinite Imaging about the size of the map. The size Woody had in mind was very small (24 x 18"), but was willing to go up to any size the CC wished. After discussion, the CC recommends 48 x 36" for the large map. The locus map could be printed on an 8 ½ x 11". **Julia** has been delegated to move forward on the order and assure us that the image will be sharp. Both signs will be in UV resistant ink, on rigid backing, sized as large as possible but still fit on the kiosk, as one panel, and laminated. She will email everyone once this is resolved and ready to go.

**Jeff Goldknopf** reported that the small driveway sign is broken into many pieces and the post is loose. It appears that someone hit it with a plow maybe? He will bring the pieces to the next meeting.

Schanda Park Repair/Maintenance: **Julia Sinclair** reached out to Mike Hoffman, Code Enforcement Officer, who then spoke with the Town Administrator. The TA said that the CC should go directly to Phil MacDonald at Underwood Engineering to ask for a preparation of a 'Request for Proposal (RFP) for Restoration of Schanda Park'. RFP preparation cost would be the responsibility of the CC. **Julia Sinclair** will ask Phil for an estimate for the proposal and invite him to attend the next meeting.

Dearborn Property-Survey: The Chair will speak to Scott Boudreau, Boudreau Land Surveying, to discuss the approval of his bid so that the project can move forward.

Heron Point Sanctuary – Ongoing: The Chair will speak to the Town Administrator about the gate discussion that the CC had at the last meeting.

Silverman Schneer Easement: Note from previous meeting: "Drew Kiefaber and Ann LaFortune completed the monitoring in a two hour walk on October 28, 2017. There were no significant changes. The house has been completely removed except for the chimney. The new owner has cleared about ten trees from within the exclusion area requiring the Chair to review the management plan. They took logs from the area out 15 feet. Jeff Goldknopf agreed to get the deed and circulate it to members for discussion later." **Jeff Goldknopf** has researched the new property owner and has offered to prepare a letter to the owner and to circulate to members for comments. We will offer to meet with the new owner and walk the easement.

### Easement Monitoring:

Piscassic/Loiselle: monitoring complete and sent

Audubon-Smith Sisters: monitoring complete and sent

Silverman-Schneer & New Roots Farm: monitoring complete and reports in process

Serve with Liberty 2018: Notes from previous meeting "Patrick Reynolds suggested asking for 20 volunteers since last year was such a great success. The dates are April 30 to May 11. The Chair suggested that we should set a date on the Friday (May 4) and get registered as soon as possible. Tools for the invasive removal may be borrowed from the SELT tool exchange. If we preregister by January 5, we could be eligible for selection for one of six grants for \$1,000. Jeff Goldknopf will get us registered."

**Jeff Goldknopf** reported that Newmarket is now registered and **Patrick Reynolds** is our 2<sup>nd</sup> contact. We are all set for Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>!

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### Non-Public Session:

**A motion** to go into non-public session to discuss confidential matters related to real estate, pursuant for RSA 91-A:3, II(c), was made by **Drew Kiefaber**, seconded by **Ann LaFortune**, and approved unanimously at 8:16 pm.

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**A motion** to end the non-public session at 8:52 pm was made by **Drew Kiefaber**, seconded by **Ann LaFortune**, and approved unanimously.

**A motion** to seal the notes of the non-public session was made by **Rose-Anne Kwaks**, seconded by **Drew Kiefaber**, and approved unanimously.

9. **Adjournment**

**Action**

**Motion:** **Jeff Goldknopf** moved that the meeting be adjourned.

**Second:** **Andrea Sellers**

**Vote:** Approved unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 PM.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 8, 2018.

Respectfully submitted

Sue Frick, Recording Secretary