

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

March 24, 2020

5:00 PM

GoToMeeting – Online Meeting

Members Present: Patrick Reynolds (Chair), David Bell, Sam Kenney, Melissa Sharples, Cris Blackstone, and Ellen Snyder (Alternate).

Members Absent: Excused members this afternoon were: Marianne Hannagan (Vice Chair), Drew Kiefaber (Alternate), Sarah Finch (Planning Board Rep,) and Casey Finch (Town Council Rep – Ex-Officio).

Also Attending: Steve Fournier, Town Manager

Call to Order and Roll Call:

Patrick Reynolds called the meeting to order and asked everyone online to identify themselves for the roll call. We welcomed Steve Fournier, Town Manager, to discuss the new NH State Emergency Order #12. Details of the order allowing meetings by electronic means may be found at: <https://www.governor.nh.gov/news-media/emergency-orders/documents/emergency-order-12.pdf>

Purchase of the Tucker Property:

The Conservation Commission has been working with SELT since November 9, 2017 on the purchase of the Tucker Property. The SELT shall commit 20% as a down payment as will the Conservation Commission by the end of the month to keep the purchase of this valuable addition to the conservation lands in Newmarket moving along toward closure. Attached please find three pages including the **confidential notes *** from two meetings as well as the Resolution from the Town Council. No further discussion was necessary by the members.

Action

Motion: **Patrick Reynolds** made a motion that the Conservation Commission expend the sum of \$20,000 from the Conservation Fund as a down payment on the Tucker property purchase. This \$20,000 shall be applied to the total due from the Conservation Commission of \$100,000. The balance due will be \$80,000.

Second: **Cris Blackstone**

Roll Call Vote: The motion passed unanimously 5-0-0.

Cris Blackstone – yes Melissa Sharples – yes

Sam Kenney – yes David Bell – yes Patrick Reynolds – yes

There was no further business. The Chair asked the Town Manager to check with the Town Council to make sure that they had approved the purchase.

Adjourn:**Action**

Motion: **Patrick Reynolds** moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Second: **Melissa Sharples**

Roll Call Vote: The motion passed unanimously 5-0-0.

Cris Blackstone – yes Melissa Sharples – yes

Sam Kenney – yes David Bell – yes Patrick Reynolds - yes

The meeting was adjourned at 5:11 PM.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 9, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Frick, Recording Secretary