

**Conservation Commission
February 1, 2017
Meeting Minutes**

Call to order: 7:06 PM

Members Present: Janet Cote, Carroll Brown, and Richard Batchelder.

Minutes Review and Approval: Richard Batchelder moved to approve the January 4, 2017 minutes as written, seconded by Carroll Brown. The Commission voted to approve the minutes by a 3-0 vote.

Correspondence Review: Info Requests, Wetlands Permits, Planning Board, Zoning Board, etc.

Approved Subdivision Review lot line adjustment for River Road.

Approved Site Plan Review for 20 Spring Street.

Wednesday, February 8, 2017:

Subdivision of 215 Hemlock Brook Road

Minor Site Plan Review of 293 West Shore Road

PCC: Open catering kitchen above a residence

Received an email from Jim Frohn at UNH regarding the exact locations of town forest and conservation lands. He forwarded a questionnaire/survey for each parcel that will need to be filled out. Janet Cote said she would do some more research into this.

New Business:

2017 Warrant Article to see if town will vote to authorize 50% of the Land Use Change Tax collected pursuant to RSA 79-A:25 to be deposited into the existing Conservation Fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5, III, as authorized by RSA 79-A:25, II. If adopted this article shall take effect April 1st, and shall remain in effect until altered or rescinded by a future vote of the town meeting. (Majority vote required) Richard Batchelder asked if this 50% is average and Janet Cote replied yes but could be more or less depending, Shawn Lagueux and Nick Coates feel this is a good time to look at this because of Northern Pass. The fund is established and these funds are for future land buys for conservation. The Town is on file as being opposed to Northern Pass, and public hearings would be needed to use this money. Money not used would go back into general fund. Richard Batchelder motioned to except and Carroll Brown seconded, 3-0 vote to except Warrant Article as written.

Breck Plankey Spring:

Carroll Brown drafted a report on the safety of the drinking water from the Plankey Spring. It

informs the public of the different types of contaminants that exist in these natural runoffs. The committee will review this and discuss at the next meeting. It was discussed how to get this out to the public to educate them, possibly on Town's Website or Facebook site. Also the committee members expressed concern about contacts made through emails and such as to the flow being slow and the long wait for water.

Old Business:

Catterall Easement and Forest Society are insistent that trail be moved. The Pemigewasset Snowmobile Association, Forest Society and Sandra Heaney are in the loop. The trail is closed and posted as so. Looking to move the trail to Forest Society easement. This temporary route is marked for future knowledge use.

Wetlands & Shoreland Permit:

Reviewed maps included in permits. Seems that everything is in order that DES will need. DES will probably need to place some pre-conditions regarding any dredging and removing of rocks. The Committee will wait for letter from State.

Adjournment: Richard Batchelder made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Carroll Brown. The motion was approved 3-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Sarto