

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

Call to order: 7:03 PM

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

Minutes Review and Approval: Sandra asked that for the Snow Club to read the "Pemigewasset Snowmobile Association", change was made. Richard Batchelder moved to approve February 1, 2017 minutes with change and Carroll Brown second. 3-0 vote

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

Planning Board approved the division of 38.1 acres into two lots at 215 Hemlock Brook Road.

Planning Board has a meeting scheduled for March 8, 2017 to discuss:

Ivan Quinchia/Mayhew Program for mounted solar array, West Shore Road. Sandra Heaney stated she will be attending this meeting.

Kenneth & Linda Rossi/Alan Barnard, Custom Auto Shop on Lake Street. Sandra Heaney stated she will be attending this meeting.

Zoning Board has canceled the meeting March 7, 2017.

Historic District Commission has canceled meeting for March 14, 2017.

Bristol Capital Improvements Committee has meeting scheduled for March 21, 2017 to Elect Officers and Organize for the 2018 plan.

New Business:

Janet Cote and Richard Batchelder stated that they would be attending the Town Meeting to be representatives for any questions concerning the Conservation Fund. Sandra Heaney suggested that they go back at least 10 years into the general fund and find out how much money was involved and what it was used for. Janet Cote said she would get these statistics and have them available for the Town Meeting. It was stated by Sandra Heaney that there had been a survey done by the town many years ago and that 80% of Bristol Residents were in favor of saving land.

Old Business:

Carroll Brown and Janet Cote went to the site of the Breck Plankey Spring to make an observation of the area. On the first visit Carroll Brown change the valve flow slightly and then returned on two more occasions to just tweak the valve and it was noted that the water flow had increased and Janet Cote said she had not heard any complaints since this was done about

the flow. Janet Cote asked Carroll Brown to follow-up with Jeff Chartier regarding this valve. Carroll Brown stated that the new cover for the well is working out great. The Committee discussed how they could prevent the public from frequenting this site since it should not be polluted by foreign objects, i.e. camera, barb wire and or branches placed on trail.

Sandra Heaney spoke to Committee on the updates of the snowmobile trail and told Committee that the Forest Society will walk the trail to finalize the short change to the route with Mike Butler. Sandra Heaney said she would be sure to keep in touch with Mike to have this change in place by this coming winter.

Janet Cote touched on the subject of the "Town Forest Survey" that Nick Coates had given her. Committee is in agreement that the Town of Bristol does not have a Town Forest only a State Forest. Sandra Heaney suggested that Janet Cote speak directly with Shawn for an accurate answer to this before responding to Nick Coates.

Wetlands & Shoreland Permit:

Committee looked at the plans for the reconstruction of the water and sewer lines for the Water Street/Central Street project. Committee is in agreement that this would be a good thing for the Town and feel that it would not greatly impact wetlands in this area.

Adjournment: Sandra Heaney made motion to adjourn, seconded by Richard Batchelder. Committee approved 4-0 and meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm. Next Conservation Meeting is scheduled for April 5, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Sarto