

**Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the
Walpole Conservation Commission
March 5, 2018**

Members Present:

Alicia Flammia (Chair), Jackie Kensen, Lew Shelley, Kelli Wilson, Laura Hayes, John Peska (Vice Chair), Duncan Watson

Alternates Present:

Myra Mansouri, Peter Palmiotto

Members Absent:

Elaine Heleen, Gary Speed

Others Present:

Cheryl Mayberry (Selectboard Representative), Steven Dumont (Recording Secretary)

Call to Order: Alicia Flammia, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:28 PM.

Seating of Alternates: As a quorum of regular members was present, no seating of Alternates was required.

Review and approve minutes - February 5, 2018. No corrections. Lew made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Kelli seconded. With all in favor, the minutes were accepted.

Public Business:

1. Treasury: The Conservation fund has \$148.89, with the rest of the money in the PDIP account. No statement this month for the PDIP account. The Forestry account has \$1,502.38. The Fanny Mason Forest accounts (2) have \$311,795.01 and \$12,350.39.
2. Correspondence:
 - a. The NH Charitable Foundation gave the WCC/Alicia a check for \$9,020.56, which is the annual dividend payment for the Robert Hubbard Conservation Commission Conservation fund. There is a \$244,827.11 balance in the account.
 - b. Newsletter received from the NH DES Groundwater "Supply Lines With the Source".

New Business:

1. Donald Rounds Jr. owns property along the Cold River, 1.2 acres, Map 26, Lot 33. He is looking to donate the land to the town as it is in a floodplain and unbuildable. Duncan Watson knows the property and will stop over to check it out. As it has river frontage it may be a nice public lot to access the Cold River for recreation.

Old Business:

1. Reservoir Dam: M&W Soils has declined to do a proposal. John is in touch with three other firms. He is waiting to hear back from Nobis Engineering. Haley & Aldrich has also declined. D&K has submitted a proposal. John would like to accept a proposal by next spring.
2. Walpole Easement Database: Laura presented a spreadsheet for review of what she has come up with so far. It includes basic GIS information from the State of NH. She also added recent easements that are not yet on the state database. Laura needs to go through the WCC files for more information. Peter would like transaction dates and levels of protection included on the spreadsheet. Also town owned property that do not have easements but may have some form of protection. Alicia would like to see a comment column added. A glossary of terms would help for people unfamiliar with the nomenclature. Alicia would also like to see a column that explains the responsibilities of parties for each easement/property. Cheryl recommends having a working and a physical version of the file. Laura will make the spreadsheet available to members for comment. It is currently in Google Docs. Laura has not yet purchased the GIS software.
3. Fannie Mason Feasibility Study: Lew is on schedule to start in April.
4. Long View Forest Walk: Alicia will check with Long View for date.
5. Bill Callahan Land Survey: Eric Peabody submitted a proposal for \$2,650 to do the survey and deed work. DiBernardo Associates is getting back to Alicia. Alicia will email pricing once it arrives.
6. Town Conservation Maps: No progress from last month.
7. Garland Lumber Invoice: Garland Lumber has not paid the timber tax on their last bill. Alicia called and the invoice is sitting with their project manager. It is accruing interest. Alicia will follow up.
8. WCC Appointments: members up for reappointment still need to write letters of interest addressed to the Selectboard.
9. WCC Outing Day: Lew recommends High Blue as a good property for the outing day. Members agreed to set May 5th as a tentative date. The event is family & dog friendly.
10. Trail Work Day: Scheduled for Saturday April 28th. Lew estimates it will be about 1-1.5 hours. Lew thinks Mill Pond would be a good location.

Other Business:

1. Alicia received a call about a proposed convenience store to the left of the Walpole Veterinarian Clinic on Route 12. The applicant is applying for a special exception. There is a Planning Board meeting on April 10th.
2. Lew heard about a proposed fishing pool in Hubbard Brook. Cheryl mentioned the NH DES wants to put in a fishing ladder. Details are unknown. Lew mentioned the WCC would like some involvement or information. Cheryl will look into.

Adjournment: At 8:18 PM Duncan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lew seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 2, 2018 at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted; Steven Dumont, Recording Secretary

Note: These are unapproved minutes. Corrections, if any, will be found in the minutes of April 2, 2018.