

**MADISON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**APPROVED MINUTES**  
**June 2, 2016**  
**Regular Meeting**

Members Present: Ralph Lutjen, Marcia McKenna, Marc Ohlson, Robbin Rancourt – alternate, David Riss– Chair, and Ted Slader–alternate

Members Not Present: Josh Shackford – Selectmen Rep. and Nancy Devine

Others Present: Tom Henderson – Upper Saco Valley Land Trust, Chris Young – Land Use Administrative Assistant

Meeting Posted: 5/18/2016 at Madison Town Hall, Madison PO and Silver Lake PO

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Dr. Riss called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The 5/5/16 minutes were approved as written.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Tom Henderson gave the conservation commission a summary of a recent inquiry to a real estate agent about lands connected to the Chain of Ponds property. Mr. Henderson is waiting to hear more information from the real estate agent.
4. **OLD BUSINESS & CONTINUING PROJECTS:**
  - a) **William Barclay Land Donation** – Mr. Young gave a summary of what he had found on the property. There was nothing of significance to prevent the town from receiving the land. The lawyer is still working on the deed and Mr. Barclay is working on getting an appraisal.
  - b) **Old Home Week** –
    - i) The blueberry social is not happening on the first Sunday of Old Home Week. The Conservation Commission decided to hold the coyote talk in the gym at 7:00 PM.
    - ii) There had been some difficulty in finding the boulder on Stacy Mountain, so the conservation commission thought it would be better to find a different hike. Mr. Rancourt suggested hiking to the Chamberlain Ledge across Mike Hathaway's land. It had been a few years since this was hiked. This was agreeable to everyone, and the time was set to meet at the school at 11:00 for carpooling and people should bring a bagged lunch.
  - c) **Forest Management Plans** – in a general discussion about these plans, the question arose as to whether the library would like to keep a set of the plans accessible to the public. Mr. Young is going to look into that.
    - i) **Ward Lot Forest Management Plan** – Mr. Slader gave a summary of the management plan. There were four items which were set as needing to be done sometime; repainting western and northern boundary, remove Japanese Knotweed, partner with elementary school and build bluebird boxes, and remark recreational trail. The Japanese Knotweed was in a stump dump used by the highway department and it was decided to ask Selectman Shackford about that at the next meeting.

- ii) **Blair’s Location Forest Management Plan** – Mr. Lutjen summarized the management plan. Three things needed to be kept on the agenda; the boundary lines needed to be repainting, wood duck boxes needed to be built, and the riparian zone needed to be set.
- iii) **B & M Lots Forest Management Plan** – Dr. Riss gave a summary of this management plan. “B & M” is short for “Boston and Maine” referring to the train line that used to run through there. This is a grouping of three lots; the Currier Lot, Lyman Lot, and the Nickerson Lot. As with the other properties, there were some parts. Dr. Riss also suggested that restrictions on the Currier Property should be looked up in the deed.
- iv) Mr. Ohlson took the Wold Lot Forest Management Plan to give a summary at the next meeting.

d) The Veilleux’s request to look into and come to an arrangement for cutting trees that might be hazardous was discussed. Mr. Ohlson had reminded people about a form that was used in the past for people needing to get work done on town land that abutted their property. Mr. Young did not bring a copy of this form to the meeting, but he had found it. This form would be filled out and sent to the Selectmen after the next meeting. In the meantime, Mr. Rancourt would pay the Veilleux’s a visit and look at the trees to assess which ones were hazardous. The recommendation to the Selectmen would be to have the Veilleux’s sign an agreement that an insured tree removal expert would remove those trees that were agreed to be hazardous.

- 5. **TOWN CONSERVATION LANDS:**Not much happening on this front.
- 6. **NEW BUSINESS:**covered in public comment.
- 7. **SELECTMEN’S REPORT:** No Selectman to report.
- 8. **PLANNING BOARD REPORT:**The Planning Board heard a preliminary review for a subdivision on Hedgehog Hill Road.
- 9. **FRIEND’S OF MADISON BOULDER:** The state has installed the smaller second kiosk and the project is complete.
- 10. **ADMINISTRATION & CORRESPONDENCE:**Mr. Chick gave Mr. Young an estimate for creating a parking area at the western trailhead of the Jackman Ridge Trail. The estimated cost was \$512. Ms. McKenna moved to accept the bid and approve spending \$512 from the Forest Maintenance Account for the parking area. The motion passed.

The other item on the agenda was a bill from the town attorney for work done so far in preparation of receiving the Barclay Property. The bill so far came out to \$230. Payment was approved to come out of the Land Use Change Tax Account by a unanimous vote.

- 11. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM

The next Regular Meeting is July 7, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Young  
Land Use Boards Administrative Assistant

**These minutes were approved with edits at the September 1, 2016 meeting.**