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**Conservation Commission Approved Minutes
November 1, 2018. 7pm**

Members Present: Marc Ohlson, Ted Slader, Ralph Lutjen, Selectman Josh Shackford

Members Excused: Marcia McKenna, Nancy Devine, Emily Bass

Others Present: Land Use Administrator Colleen King, Richard Eldridge

Meeting Posted: October 25, 2018 at Town Hall (upper and lower levels) and Madison & Silver Lake Post Offices

Call To Order: Mr. Ohlson opened that meeting at 7:05pm

Approval of Minutes:

The September 6, 2018 Draft Minutes were reviewed with no changes. Mr. Lutjen made a **MOTION** to Approve the minutes as written; Mr. Slader seconded. All Approved.

The October 4, 2019 Draft Minutes were reviewed with no changes. Mr. Lutjen made a **MOTION** to Approve the minutes as written; Mr. Slader seconded. All Approved.

Public Comment: Mr. Ohlson opened the Public Comment section of the meeting.

Mr. Richard Eldridge was present to discuss the Expedited Wetlands Permit for his property. This Agenda item was originally under New Business and the Board members decided to move it to Public Comment. Mr. Eldridge explained that the wall is parallel to the water needs repair and there is a fairly steep banking to the water with lots of runoff. He was concerned with the lag time to sign the permit. Mr. Ohlson stated that given the date that this Application was submitted, this meeting was the earliest that the Conservation Commission could review it.

Mr. Slader confirmed that all work would be done out of the water.

Mr. Ohlson stated that it would correct minor erosion and would not impact the wetlands, fish or natural habitats. Mr Lutjen made a **MOTION** to APPROVE the Expedited Application; Mr. Slader seconded. All Approved.

Hearing no other comments, Mr. Ohlson closed the Public Comment section of the meeting.

Old Business:

1.Freedom Town Line Update: Mr. Shackford reported that he has been in contact with the Freedom Conservation Commission and that working with the Freedom Forestry Advisory Commission has been difficult. Freedom does not want their road to be used by Madison to access Madison Conservation land, even though the road would be improved. Forester Mr. Tim Nolan may report on this at a future meeting.

2.Black Brook Road Gate: Mr. Shackford reported that Noreen Downs, property owner, sees no need for gates as there is no issue or problem. This item will be removed from future agendas.

3.B&M Lots: No Update.

4.Bluebird Houses: Mr. Slader reported that the Madison DPW installed the poles and the Boy Scout troop installed the boxes onto the pole on October 28.

MOTION - Mr. Shackford made a **MOTION** to reimburse Mr. Slader \$130.14 for the supplies and bird house kits with monies coming from the Operating Budget. Mr. Lutjen seconded. All Approved. Project was successful and completed and this item will be removed from future agendas.

5.Hiking Trail Map Update: Mr. Slader reported that he attended the ribbon cutting ceremony of the Ossipee Pine Barrens. This ceremony marks the first accessible hiking trail in the State and the US Senators Shaheen and Hassan attended with approximately 150 other people. Mr. Slader recommended taking this item off the agenda until April 2019.

6.Barclay Property Sign: Mr. Ohlson asked Mrs.King to draft sign language for review at the December meeting. The land use restrictions are: No Motorized Vehicles, Hunting is allowed, Recreational Activities Allowed. The sign can be nailed to a tree.

New Business:

1.NHACC- Mr. Lutjen made a **MOTION** to pay \$275 dues for the NHACC. Mr. Slader seconded. Monies will come from the Operating Budget Line. Mr. Ohlson stated that it is good to belong to this Association. All Approved.

2. Water Quality Testing: Mr. Lutjen discussed the water quality testing program conducted by the GMCG. The Ossipee Watershed is the second largest in NH and protecting water quality is very important. There are bi-weekly samples taken between April and October.

MOTION- Mr. Lutjen made a **MOTION** to pay the \$1500 to the GMCG for the water testing program, with monies coming from the Operating Budget. Mr. Slader seconded. All Approved.

3. GMCG: Mr. Ohlson read an invitation from the GMCG to attend an event at the Blue Heron House in Effingham on Nov 28 from 5:30-7pm.

Selectmen's Report: Mr. Shackford reported on the new tax rate increase. There was discussion by Board members on whether to include the \$5000 warrant article for future land acquisitions. Mr. Shackford recommended removing it; Mr Ohlson recommended keeping it on the ballot and letting the voters decide, as it will not break the budget.

MOTION- Mr. Lutjen made a **MOTION** to keep the \$5000 warrant article for future land acquisitions on the ballot. Mr. Slader seconded. All Approved.

Planning Board Report: None

Administrative Correspondence: None

Adjournment: Mr Lutjen made a **MOTION** to adjourn; Mr. Shackford seconded. All Approved Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

Minutes taken by: Colleen King, Land Use Administrator