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**CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
MARCH 7, 2019**

Members Present: Marcia McKenna; Mark Ohlson; Ralph Lutjen; Ted Slader; Selectman Josh Shackford

Members Absent: Emily Bass and Nancy Devine

Others Present: Madison TV Videographer Tim Hughes; Linda Shackford, Recording Secretary

Meeting Posted: February 27, 2019 at Town Hall (upper and lower levels), and Madison & Silver Lake Post Offices.

Call to Order: McKenna called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Lutjen, seconded by Slader to accept the minutes of the February 7, 2019 meeting as written. The motion passed **5-0**.

Public Comment: There was none.

OLD BUSINESS:

Freedom Town Line Update - J. Shackford suggested speaking with Tim Nolan for any recent updates because Nolan has been dealing with the Town of Freedom and Barry Keith. The committee asked that Nolan be invited to the April meeting.

B&M Lots - Olson did not have any new information however it has been found that there is no clear right-of-way with Olson having someone to work on it with. Eventually an agreement would need to be made.

Barclay Property Sign - Devine was working on the wording and not in attendance this evening. This will be placed on the April agenda.

Hiking Trail Maps - Slader is working with the UPS store in North Conway on the printing. The materials are in stock but poor electronic file quality is holding it up the printing. Slader stated that the

working was changed as agreed and the maps will be placed on property at the Nature Conservancy and the Lead Mine Road kiosk; with discussion about placement at the Purity Spring kiosk.

NEW BUSINESS:

Town Meeting – A petition warrant article regarding Kiljockety Road was discussed. Ohlson read the petitioned article aloud:

“To see if the Town of Madison shall discontinue completely and absolutely the so-called Kiljockety Class A Municipal Trail pursuant to RSA 231-A:6.

The purpose of such vote is to return ownership of the trail to the abutting property owners, thereby removing the trail from Town ownership and placing it back on the tax rolls. This will annex Kiljockety Trail to the abutting property shown on Tax Map 247, Lot 34, Sub 2 making the trail a permanent part of and forming a permanent merger with said property.

The trail begins from Goe Hill Road and runs through and across the property, only to terminate back on Goe Hill Road. The trail is located in the most desirable building location on the property.

Therefore, the property owners respectfully request that the Town relinquish and abandon any and all of its rights and interests in this trail, which the 2018 Annual Town Meeting reclassified from Class VI Kiljockety Road, and return ownership to the property deed.

A map of the area to be discontinued is available at the Town Hall and will be available at Town Meeting.”

McKenna noted that the Town voted to designate Kiljockety as a trail at the 2018 Town Meeting prior to the purchase by the most recent owners.

Ohlson questioned aloud that even if the town relinquishes its public right to the property, does it still relinquish the private rights of abutters. J. Shackford stated there is proof that it was the main road from Freedom to Conway at one point and it is home to a cemetery and burial site. Any building on the property has to be 75’ off the center of a right-of-way and 25’ off boundaries.

McKenna would be willing to make a statement at Town Meeting as to the commissions position as long as all members are in agreement. The commission discussed the ramifications of abandonment and found concerns about future access to the cemetery, the McNair property and other pieces of land. McKenna stated that if she makes a statement at Town Meeting it will be from her personally and not as a member of the commission.

Selectmen's Report: J. Shackford hoped to see everyone at Town Meeting on Saturday, March 16th.

Planning Board Report: Ohlson stated that the McNair Boundary Line Adjustment on Lead Mine Road was approved by the Planning Board. The BLA added 10 acres to the house lot. The commission hopes the vacant parcel’s sale would still be considered to be offered for the town to purchase. The commission will place on next month’s meeting to review the plan to see the delineation of the conservation land. The commission would also like Land Use Administrator King to contact Malcolm McNair to ask if he would still consider a sale to the town.

Ohlson was approached by realtor David Haine asking again if the commission was interested in the purchase of 70 acres off of Pound Road. The sale price is \$155,000.00. McKenna remembered that this parcel did not originally meet the commissions criteria. A price of around \$1,000/acre would be

more of something to consider as it is not an endangered piece. J. Shackford and Slader see more potential in other pieces in town over this one.

Administrative Correspondence: McKenna informed the commission of a workshop at Tin Mountain Conservation Center on March 26th regarding Flood Resiliency and Aquatic Habitat. The flier will be distributed and posted.

Adjournment: Motion by J. Shackford, seconded by Lutjen. The motion passed **5-0**.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Shackford,
Recording Secretary

These Minutes were APPROVED at the May 2, 2019 Conservation Commission meeting.