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MINUTES

May 23, 2022, 1:00pm

Location: Entrance to McNair Easement of East Madison Road

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marcia McKenna, Marc Ohlson, Noreen Downs

OTHERS PRESENT:

Town: Josh Shackford, Jon Cyr, Justin Chick

Forester: Tim Nolin

Property Representatives: Tom Fadden (Logger), Brian Reader (Forester)

The purpose of this on-site meeting was to review the logging of the conservation easement, with specific conversation between Mr. Tim Nolin, the forester for MCC, and the property owner's forester, Mr. Brian Reader.

The group convened at 1:10pm . The foresters were introduced. Mr. Nolin outlined the town interest and asked how the owners were going to address the natural resources within the conservation easement.

Mr. Reader stated they would be following state guidelines which prescribes set-back from roads and wetlands of 150', taking only 50% basal area. (RSA 227-J:9)

Mr. Nolin referenced a copy of the Good Forest Practices in the Granite State regarding the specific recommended and best management practices for set-backs and basal area cut within riparian zones. The recommended is 300' from wetlands with only 25% basal area cut. Mr. Nolin asked if the owners would be willing to honor that request. Durgin Pond is classified as a great pond. Mr. Fadden re-stated they would follow state guidelines.

Mr. Nolin stated that the town had a vested interested in the nature trail on the easement and would the owners be willing to respect the trail and give any concession to protect the purpose and intent of the easement?

Ms. McKenna asked about leaving dead trees, trees with cavities, uprooted trees, stumps, downed logs and limbs. Ms. Downs mentioned the easement specifically protected the

beaver areas, and also mentioned that this being spring, this was the breeding season for wildlife.

Ms. Downs asked if the Statutory Permit by Notification had been filed for the forestry around wetlands.

Mr. Nolin asked that wetland crossings be left stable and cleaned up.

Mr. Fadden stated that the stability of the ground around the wetlands and the pond and the trail would determine where they could cut, and Mr. Nolin agreed having logged this property for the McNair's when they owned it in the past. Mr. Nolin asked the owners to give extra consideration within the easement area. Ms. McKenna asked if the owners would please consider expanding the area of the set-backs and reducing the % of the basal area cut, to which Mr. Fadden could only respond that he would speak with owners Mr. Fadden Sr and Mr. Whitaker. He would make no decision at this time. Mr. Fadden will respond back to the town.

Ms. McKenna stated that a copy of these minutes would be sent to Mr. Fadden for their review.

Mr. Ohlson asked when the logging would be started and Mr. Fadden said today off of the Lead Mine Road entrance. And they would be moving quickly.

Meeting adjourned at 1:48pm.

Submitted by Noreen Downs