

**MADISON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MADISON, NH 03849**

**REGULAR MEETING APPROVED MINUTES
FEBRUARY 2, 2017
7:00 pm**

MEMBERS PRESENT : Marcia McKenna, Vice-Chair, Nancy Devine, Marc Ohlson, Ralph Lutjen, Ted Slader and Josh Shackford-BOS

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Robbin Rancourt

OTHERS PRESENT: Colleen King, Land Use Administrator

MEETING POSTED: January 19, 2017 at Town Hall - upper and lower levels, Madison and Silver Lake Post Offices

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. McKenna called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The January 5, 2017 Draft Minutes were reviewed. A Motion was made by Ms. Devine to approve the January 5, 2017 Draft Minutes as written; seconded by Mr. Lutjen. All approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

OLD BUSINESS:

A. William Barclay Land Donation

There was a discussion on the past agreements: the Town will pay legal expenses, including title search and deed transfer costs. Mrs. King will contact Attorneys Gorrow and Bronstein for this legal work. Mr. Shackford suggested that a letter be sent to Mr. Barclay regarding any restrictions that he wants on the land. RSA36-A:4 allows the Conservation Commission to accept land as a gift. Mrs. King will follow-up and report at the next meeting.

B. Forest Management Plans

The five area forests listed below will be discussed at a Spring 2017 meeting.

1. Goodwin/Burke Forest
 - Extension of Brook Trail (Spring 2017)
2. Everett Parker Lot Forest
 - Boundary line painting (Spring 2017)
3. Ward Lot Forest
 - Bluebird boxes with Madison Elementary - on hold
4. Blair's Location
 - Rebuild wood duck boxes
 - Set the riparian zone
5. B&M Lots
 - Deed restriction on Currier Property

C. Update and Tree identification of diseased trees near Veilleux property

Mr. Shackford reported that he and Tim Nolan visited the Goodwin Town Forest area and stated that there are 15 Poplar trees on the Town property which are currently healthy but could present a problem in the future. Poplar trees are inheritantly prone to being blown over and if they did fall, the trees most likely would land on the Veilleux' house.

Mr. Nolan told Mr. Shackford that if they were his trees, he would cut them down.

Equipment would be needed to clear the brush in order to get to these 15 trees and the work will be done in the Spring 2017, weather permitting. The cost of cutting these 15 Poplar trees would be \$1500.00. Mr. Shackford stated that it is not cost effective to keep the wood from these trees, as the cost of cutting it up and storing it would be more than the wood is worth. Mr. Nolan plan to do this work when he cleans up the Lead Mine area.

Mr. Shackford asked that it be on the record that if the Veilleux' want any more trees cut, other than these 15 Poplars, from the Town land that abuts their property, it will be at the Veilleux' expense. There was general consensus on this.

MOTION:

Mr. Shackford made a Motion to spend up to \$1500.00 for the removal of 15 healthy Poplar trees located in the Goodwin Town Forest, near the Veilleux' property, with the funds coming from the Forest Management Fund. Ms. Devine seconded; All approved. Motion passed. Mrs. King will submit the green request form to the Selectmen.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Election of Officers 2017-2018

Chair - Ms. Devine nominated Ms. McKenna as Chair and Mr. Slader seconded.

Ms. McKenna accepted the nomination. All approved.

Vice-Chair- Ms. McKenna nominated Mr. Lutjen as Vice-Chair and Mr. Slader seconded.

Mr. Lutjen accepted the nomination. All approved.

B. New Members

Ms. McKenna stated that the Conservation Commission is looking for 2 more regular members and 1 more alternate member. If anyone is interested, they are welcome to contact Mrs. King at Town Hall or come to a Conservation meeting on the first Thursday of every month at 7:00pm.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT: None

PLANNING BOARD REPORT : Mr. Ohlson briefly discussed the previous night's Planning Board meeting.

ADMINISTRATION/CORRESPONDENCE: None

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. McKenna made a motion to Adjourn; Mr. Slader seconded.

All approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted

Colleen King, Land Use Administrator

These minutes were approved at the March 2, 2107 meeting.