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**Conservation Commission Approved Minutes
May 3, 2018. 7pm**

Members Present: Chairman Marcia McKenna, Ralph Lutjen, Nancy Devine, Marc Ohlson, Emily Bass, Alternate Ted Slader, Josh Shackford- Selectmen's Rep.

Members Excused: None

Others Present: Land Use Administrator Colleen King, Tim Nolan, and Madison TV Videographer Carol Dandeneau

Meeting Posted: April 26, 2018 at Madison Town Hall (upper and lower levels) and Madison and Silver Lake Post Offices.

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

Approval of Minutes: Ms. Devine made a motion to approve the April 4, 2018 Draft Minutes, seconded by Mr. Lutjen.
All Approved.

Public Comment: None.

Old Business:

1. Cascades and Cedar Swamp - Tim Nolan, of Forest Land Management reported that the boundary lines of the Cascades and the Cedar Swamp properties were painted a bright red, as discussed from the April meeting. There is a 200' section of Cedar Swamp near the outlet to the water where there was no tree to paint. The Cascades is painted except along the brook, which is the boundary. There is a house near the Historical Society, where the Cascades' property line cuts through their backyard and the homeowners were storing various items on a trailer on the Town property. Mr. Nolan stated that there is an identifying blaze on the tree and he pointed out the boundary line to the homeowners who were outside at the time. The homeowner acknowledged that he should move his trailer and items onto his property. Mr. Nolan used Forest Service Spec paint, which should last approximately 15 years and an invoice for the two jobs was mailed to the Town. Mrs. King agreed that the \$1500 estimate was approved at the last meeting. The 1st invoiced item of \$325.00 was in preparation and investigation of what needed to be painted and blazed. The second invoice for the painting and reblazing was \$1175.00. Mrs. King will process the invoice promptly.

Cascades Boundary - There was discussion about the Cascades boundary line along the land owned by Charlie Allen. Ms. McKenna remembered Mr. Allen approaching the Conservation Commission and stating that if the Town paid the legal costs, then the Town could have that land. There is small piece of land on the other side of the brook that the Town owns. Mr. Nolan stated that the Town's deed does not mention anything about that land; it must be cited in Mr. Allen's deed. Mr. Allen would need to write a letter offering the land to the Town. The acreage of the land is unknown. The property line follows along the stream; however, there is a jog in the stream onto Mr. Allen's property even though the boundary continues straight without following the jog. According to Mr. Nolan, Mr. Allen contends that the brook is not the Cascades' boundary line. It is this small piece of land that Mr. Allen supposedly has offered to the Town. Mr. Shackford stated that the land would have to be surveyed. Mr. Nolan stated that if it was clear in Mr. Allen's deed where the boundary line is and there was evidence on the ground, then a survey would not be needed. If no evidence on the ground then there would be survey costs to consider. Ms. McKenna thought that maybe the expensive survey cost was the determining factor as to why this was not pursued.

Freedom - Mr. Nolan asked if there had been any update with the Town lines in Freedom. Mr. Shackford met with their Selectmen and they have many questions. Mr Nolan agreed to accompany him to their next meeting next month, in early June.

2. B & M Lots - Currier Property ROW Deed Restriction: No update.

3. Bluebird Houses - Mr. Slader reported that he received the kits from Missouri and the DPW will assist with digging of the holes. Mr. Slader had a meeting with Mr. Nolan to discuss the location of the bluebird houses which the Madison Elementary Students are building. The 6 houses will face east-southeast, along the edge of the woods on the Ward lot and metal pipes will be used. Mrs. King asked that Mr Slader take photos of the students building these bird houses. Mr. Ohlson offered 6 10' tall 1" diameter pipes which will be donated for the birdhouses.

4. Cost Benefit of Joining NH Lakes - Ms. Devine stated that there is no cost to join, only a donation, in support of a non-profit. Mr. Ohlson questioned whether a donation to NH Lakes which supports areas outside of the Town of Madison is legal according to the Conservation Charter. Mr. Ohlson explained, as an example, that the Madison Conservation Commission cannot purchase land in Conway and can only support Conservation projects in the town of Madison. Mrs. King will contact Atty. Gorrow and the NH Municipal Association to confirm. Ms. Devine suggested that a 250.00 donation be taken out of a Training Line item in their budget. Mr Shackford suggested that this donation be verified with Town Attorney first before a dollar amount is discussed. This remain on the May Agenda.

5. Madison Hiking Trail Map Status: Mr. Slader reported on the Trail Map update. Mr Lutjen created an excel spreadsheet to define the different parameters of each trail to help someone decide whether they can venture onto a particular trail. Mr. Slader is meeting with someone from Purity Springs about their trails. Mr. Nolan also agreed to assist with the trail map project.

6. Loon Island Update - Ms. Devine clarified that bid of \$130.00 from Minuteman Sign is for 2 die-bond, aluminum with plastic composite that does not decay. The \$130.00 bid was from Gemini press. The original loon sign was made by Dwight Ellis and was a decal. The size of the sign is 12" x 18". Ms. Devine suggested that this loon logo be adopted by the Conservation Commission. Ms. Devine will email the logo to Mrs. King.

7. Lead Mine Road Activity - Ms. McKenna asked if there was any update on the activity. Ms. Bass reported that she was in the area very recently and saw no evidence of any activity there. This will be removed from further agendas.

New Business:

1. Green Mountain Conservancy Water Test - Mrs. King noticed that on a job posting for water testing, the GMCG did not list property in Madison, only Ossipee. Mr. Lutjen explained that testing procedures of GMCG and Madison streams are tested. It was a very good deal to have the water tested for \$1500.00.

Selectmen's Report:

Selectman Shackford reported that he is getting prices for gates on the Conservation land along the Freedom town line and the municipal trails. The metal gates are easy-swing, single bar gate. The highway department will install the gates before the end of the summer. One gate will be installed at the intersection of Kiljockity Road and Goe Hill Road and the other gate will be installed in Freedom.

Planning Board Report:

Mr. Ohlson reported that at last meeting 2 Class VI road building waivers, one on Albert Road for a house and one on Pinecone Lane for a future deck, were reviewed and signed.

Administrative Correspondence:

Mrs. King will order name plates at the suggestion of Ms. McKenna.

Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3 II (d) The Consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property, which if discussed in public will likely benefit a party or parties, whose interests are adverse to those of the general public.

MOTION made by Ms. Devine, seconded by Ms. Bass to enter a Non-Public Session.

Roll Call Vote Taken:

Emily Bass	- Yes	Marcia McKenna	- Yes
Nancy Devine	- Yes	Marc Ohlson	- Yes
Josh Shackford	- Yes	Ted Slader	- Yes
Ralph Lutjen	- Yes		

Selectman Shackford made a **Motion** to Adjourn to Public meeting; seconded by Ms. McKenna. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen King
Land Use Administrator

These Minutes were APPROVED at the June 7, 2018 Conservation Commission meeting.