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**Conservation Commission Approved Minutes
June 7, 2018. 7pm**

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

Members Excused: Emily Bass

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

Meeting Posted: May 30, 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.

Elevation of Alternates: Mr. Shackford made a **MOTION** to elevate Mr. Slader to a full member for this meeting. Mr. Lutjen seconded and all approved.

Approval of Minutes: Ms. Devine made a motion to approve the May 3, 2018 Draft Minutes, seconded by Mr. Slader. All Approved.

Public Comment: Ms. McKenna opened the meeting for public comment. Hearing none, Ms. McKenna closed the meeting for public comment.

Old Business:

1. Black Brook Road - Ms. McKenna asked Mr. Nolan about the activity on Black Brook road. Mr. Nolan explained that this is on the 12 acres of the Downs' property. They approached the Town about using the town's landing to skid the trees logged from their land. The weather did not cooperate last fall and another trip was need this spring. The work will be completed within 2 weeks with the area restored. Mrs. King presented the NH Forestry Notification on the Downs' property. Mr. Shackford asked Mr. Nolan what logging company he hires for projects, like Everett Parker Property. He hires Kiel from Denmark, Maine and they are fast and do a good quality job.

2. Cascades and Cedar Swamp - Mrs. King reported that the \$1500 invoice for the preparation, investigation, blazing and painting was processed and paid after the May meeting.

3. Jackman Ridge Trail- Mr. Shackford and Mr. Nolan met with the Freedom Advisory Committee on Wednesday June 6, 2018 to discuss access to the Everett Parker property and unfortunately did not go as well as hoped. In addition, the Freedom Forestry Committee felt that there is no benefit to Freedom. Mr. Shackford gave some background information. Last November, Mr. Nolan met with the Freedom Conservation Commission to ask permission to use the Jackman Ridge Trail which goes through the Freedom Town Forest, to access to the Everett Parker land for logging. Mr. Nolan received no answer and was then directed to the Freedom Town Forester, Barry Keith. Mr. Nolan spoke to Mr. Keith who did not give an answer. Mr. Shackford and Nolan spoke to the Freedom Board of Selectman last month and to the Forest Advisory Committee last night. Mr. Shackford stated that a legal precedence is set as this property is not a Class VI road; it has always been a Class A municipal trail and the Town of Freedom spent \$10,000.00 on the trail. It is the only access road to Trout Pond that a vehicle can drive over. All Class A Municipal Trails must allow abutting landowners access for logging and Conservation purposes. The governing body has the authority over who to allow on the trails. A member of the Freedom Forestry Committee, who is also a snowmobile club member, stated that it really isn't a road or a trail. Mr. Shackford refuted his statement as there must be some type of classification, as the road is driven on, is gated and the Freedom can spend \$10,000.00 on it. In addition, the Stewardship Plan for the Freedom Town Forest specifically mentions the Everett Parker land and that they will work together for Conservation and logging purposes. Mr. Shackford has calls into legal counsel and he and Mr. Nolan will meet with the Freedom Road Agent next week. The Freedom Forestry Committee is advisory and report to the Freedom Selectmen and Mr. Shackford expressed frustration when this should be easily resolved. Mr. Shackford also reported that the steel gates are on order from Presby Steel but with the steel prices and tariffs, he does not have a price yet. There will be 3 gates erected: Goe Hill Road at intersection of Kiljocky Road, at Freedom on old Shaw town Road and on Everett Parker Road.

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

5. Bluebird Houses - Mr. Ohlson donated 6 10' tall 1" diameter pipes to be used for the birdhouses. Mr. Slader reported that Mike Lane from Madison Elementary School could not generate any interest from the students to build the houses. However, a Cub Scout troop leader Andrew Nelson from Tamworth has expressed interest in building the houses. Mr. Slader will coordinate and hopefully install the houses before the fall.

Ms. McKenna suggested that bat houses or duck nesting boxes may be a good future project.

Mr. Slader reported that he ventured into the Ward parcel to check on the condition of the trail. He noticed 9+ trees, 12"diameter were down and was able to clean the trails with help from a relative.

6. Cost Benefit of Joining NH Lakes - Mrs. King contacted Town Counsel Atty. Gorrow regarding the legality of a Conservation Commission donation. According to RSA 36-A:4, the Powers of the Conservation Commission, they can only receive or acquire gifts or land in the name of the Town. The Conservation Commission does not have the power to make donations. Currently, the Town donates money to support the Lake Host program here at Silver Lake. The Lake Host program is under the NH Lakes umbrella. Ms. Devine stated that Silver Lake is the only lake host program in NH which calls the Police if someone refuses to wash their boat. With only one boat launch on Silver Lake, the Lake Host program is very effective in keeping the lake clean.

Ms. Devine gave a recap of the NH Lakes Congress which was held last week.

The SLAM Annual meeting is July 14, 2018 at 9am at the Hobbs Tavern in West Ossipee, NH.

7. Madison Hiking Trail Map Status: Mr. Nolan presented a draft of the Trails map that he and the committee (Ted Slader, Ralph Lutjen and Nancy Devine) have been working on and hopefully it will be finalized before Old Home Week in August. Only the trailhead will be on the trail maps. The Trails Sub-committee will meet on Wednesday June 13, 2018 at 2:30pm. Mrs. King will post the Meeting Notice and will also be present to take minutes. Mr. Slader met with Ms. Devine with Mr. Nolan last week.

Mr. Slader made a **MOTION** to compensate Mr. Nolan \$400.00 for the time spent and what addition time will be required to complete the trails map. Motion was seconded by Mr. Shackford. All Approved. Discussion was held on where and how to distribute of maps, once finalized.

8. Loon Island Update - Ms. Devine presented the two signs for Loon Island and will meet with Mr. Ohlson to put the signs up on the island, before the end of June. The cost was \$130.00 for both signs.

9. Old Home Week: Candy Jones contacted Ms. McKenna about the Conservation Commission plans for OHW and will need the information by July 1, and her email is candysue100@roadrunner.com. Wildlife Encounters is planned for Sunday, August 5. Ms. Devine suggested that a hike on the Cascades be planned and it could be coupled with a Historical Society activity. Mr. Ohlson will lead the hike.

10. Barclay Property

There was discussion about erecting a sign on the Barclay property, a 10 ac. parcel which was donated in 2017. Ms. McKenna asked Mrs. King to review the wording for a sign. Ms. Devine will email the Loon Island sign wording regarding the donation. It was decided that this land will not be included on the new trail map.

New Business:

1. Property on Goe Hill: Mr. Ohlson will speak to David Haine.

Selectmen's Report:

Mr. Shackford reported that correspondence was received from Donna and Mike Veilleux regarding the removal of trees on town land. In the February 2, 2017 Conservation Minutes, Mr. Shackford stated that 'if the Veilleux' wanted any more trees cut, other than the 15 poplar trees on the Town land that abuts their property, it will be at the Veilleux expense.' The Veilleux current request is for the cutting of more trees that abut their land where they park their vehicles and they understand that it will be at their own expense. They will provide clean up the area once the trees are cut and understand that they also need the written permission of the Select Board. Mr. Shackford reviewed that 2 years ago, at the Town expense, 15 poplar trees were cut down on Town land. Mr. Ohlson suggested that the Veilleux first flag the trees that they would propose to have cut down at their own expense. Mr. Shackford will forward the Selectmen's letter to Mrs. King to respond to the Veilleux.

Planning Board Report:

Mr. Ohlson reported that the Wold lot off Deer Trot Lane was discussed at last night's Planning Board meeting. Members of the Deer Trot Homeowner's Association were concerned with the boundary lot lines of the Town Conservation land and the common area of the Deer Trot Association. After reviewing old survey plans and the deeds for both lots, the boundary lines were understood by the Homeowner's Association and they were not longer concerned with liability.

Administrative Correspondence:

A Letter of Deficiency was received on East Madison Road and a newsletter from the Chocorua Lake Conservancy.

Mrs. King contacted Wildlife Encounters to get information for OHW. There were 80 people who attended the 2017 event.

Court Update was handed out regarding Class VI Roads.

Ms. Devine made a Motion to Adjourn to Public meeting; seconded by Mr. Slader; All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen King, Land Use Administrator

These minutes were approved at the July 5, 2018 meeting.