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**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 3, 2019**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Marcia McKenna, Chair - Present      Bill Lord- Present      Ted Slader - Present  
Emily Bass – Present      Nancy Devine- Present

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Ralph Lutjen      Marc Ohlson

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Colleen King - Land Use Administrator, Carol Dandeneau - Madison TV Videographer, Tim Nolan - Forest Land Improvement

**MEETING POSTED:** September 25, 2019 Town Hall (upper and lower)

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The June 6, 2019 Draft Minutes were reviewed. A **MOTION TO APPROVE** the Minutes as written was made by Ms. Devine; Ms. McKenna seconded. All Approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Ms. McKenna opened the meeting for Public Comment; hearing none, closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**OLD HOME WEEK UPDATE:** Mr. Slader reported that this was the 3<sup>rd</sup> year sponsoring the Wildlife Encounters with about 40 people in attendance and the attendance has been consistent. There were 7 animals (a snapping turtle, Prairie dog, South American toad, Chinchilla, a box monitor lizard, South American porcupine and a red-tailed boa constrictor.) Mrs. King reported that she and Mr. Slader set up the chairs at the school and suggested that next year's logistics need to be reviewed

during the May meeting. Ms. McKenna suggested scheduling this event right before the Ice Cream Social to increase the attendance. The January agenda will address which events to sponsor.

**FOREST LAND IMPROVEMENT/ FREEDOM TOWNLINE UPDATE:** Tim Nolan reported that the Town of Freedom made a proposal regarding the access to the Madison land but it is not in our best interest. This has been tabled for now.

The Black Brook Road proposed access over the Down's property on Goodwin-Burke will be addressed in Spring 2020.

There was some discussion regarding MacNair Conservation Easement and getting this in one packet. Ms. Devine suggested William Abbott of Upper Saco Land Trust would be a contact on easements. A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Bass to **APPROVE** the expenditure of \$1630.00 Forest Maintenance Account for the mowing of landings and wood roads and the trail maintenance on the Goodwin-Burke/Wold lots; seconded by Mr. Slader. All Approved.

Mr. Lord inquired about the trees being cut on Town land along Winter Road. Mr. Nolan suggested that the tree service cut the trees in lengths of 8'6", 10'6", 12'6", 14'6" and 16'6" which are saw log lengths. There was a posted Public Hearing by the Planning Board in September when this was addressed. Mr. Nolan will be back in April 2020.

**HIKING TRAIL MAPS:** Mr. Slader started project in Spring 2018 and the first printing of 400 maps in July 2018. The second printing of 1000 maps was in March 2019 with 7 sites for the maps. Next year another site will be added. There are 250 maps in holders with 400 remaining. The website is published with the maps. Mrs. Bass volunteered to distribute the maps.

**B & M LOTS:** Nothing to report

**BARCLAY PROPERTY SIGN:** Ms. Devine contacted Gemini Signs and received a price of \$130.00. The sign will be similar to the Loon Island sign. The suggested wording will read 'This Land is the generous gift of the William Barclay family (August 2017) Hunting and Recreational activities only. No motorized vehicles.' Motion will be made at the November meeting. Mrs. Bass felt that once the Conservation logo is on the sign, it will look nice.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**LAND DONATION:** Beth Blankenstein contacted Mrs. King, regarding a donation of land on Map 116, Lot 22 (20 acres in Current Use) and Map 221 Lot 18 (.59 acres), for Conservation purposes only. Both parcels are impacted by the northerly flowing Forest Brook and are significant for the protection of wetlands. Ms. Devine made a **MOTION** to accept this donation of 20 acres on Map 116 Lot 22 and .59 acres on Map 221 Lot 18, for Conservation purposes only, by Beth and Ron Blankenstein; seconded by Mrs. Bass. All Approved. Mrs. King will forward to Selectmen and Town Counsel.

**SELECTMEN’S REPORT:** Ms. McKenna welcomed Mr. Lord as the new Selectman’s rep.

-The Selectmen received a letter from Professor Bob Newton regarding the dumping of 1 million gallons of salt water into holding ponds by Pine Tree Power. The aquifer that is affected is partially in Madison. Mr. Lord suggested that Prof. Newton give a presentation to the Conservation Commission. Ms. Devine suggested holding an event where many people could attend.

-Mr. Lord reported that the solar energy project spearheaded by Noreen Down and MEAC has been stopped. The proposal was too close to the margins.

-NH Lakes has initiated a new program, Lakes Smart, a free evaluation for anyone who has water front property for run-off and drainage and give recommendations to prevent soil erosion. The information is on the NH Lakes website. Mrs. King suggested that the Conservation Commission host an awareness program in April for Earth Day.

-Update on DOT Culvert near the Silver Lake Post Office – John Cyr, Madison DPW met with DES and DOT engineers and they are writing up engineering specifications to rectify this culvert. However, it is not high on the DOT list. The BOS will watch the progress.

-Winter Road tree update – There could be a collaborating effort with Conservation Commission and Veteran’s Committee to replace the trees that are nearing their end of life.

-At the end of both Alexander Ave and Saxon Road, there are an unprotected launch areas that needs to be addressed. There is a possibility of placing large boulders to prevent anyone launching boats there. Ms. Devine read a letter from SLAM addressing the non-regulated boat launching from Saxon Road and Alexander Ave.

**PLANNING BOARD REPORT:** None

**ADMINISTRATIVE CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**MOTION TO ADJOURN PUBLIC SESSION** made by Ms. Devine, seconded by Mr. Slader. All Approved.

**MOTION TO ENTER NON-PUBLIC SESSION** made by Ms. Devine, seconded by Mr. Slader  
AT 8:44pm

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Marcia McKenna, Chair - Present

Ted Slader – Present Emily Bass - Present

Nancy Devine - Present.

Bill Lord - Present

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Colleen King

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO ENTER NON-PUBLIC**

Marcia McKenna, Chair - Yes      Ted Slader – Yes      Emily Bass - Yes  
Nancy Devine - Yes.                      Bill Lord - Yes

**SPECIFIC STATUTORY REASON:**

**Per RSA 91-A:3 II (a)** The dismissal, promotion or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has the right to a public meeting, and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted.

**ENTERED NON-PUBLIC SESSION AT 8:45pm**

**DESCRIPTION OF MATTERS DISCUSSED AND FINAL DECISIONS MADE:**

There was discussion of Mrs. King’s compensation and that a step increase was warranted to bring it in line with job responsibilities and experience.

**MOTION**

Ms. Devine made a **MOTION** to **APPROVED** a Step in Grade increase to Grade 9 Step 17 retroactive to September 1, 2019; seconded by Mr. Lord.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE THE MOTION:**

Marcia McKenna, Chair - Yes      Ted Slader – Yes      Emily Bass - Yes  
Nancy Devine - Yes.                      Bill Lord - Yes

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION**

Ms. Devine made a **MOTION** to **NOT** seal the minutes; seconded by Mr. Slader.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO NOT SEAL THE MINUTES:**

Marcia McKenna, Chair - Yes      Ted Slader – Yes      Emily Bass - Yes  
Nancy Devine - Yes.                      Bill Lord - Yes

**MOTION PASSED**

**MOTION TO LEAVE THE NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

Made by Ms. Devine; seconded by Mr. Lord.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO LEAVE NON-PUBLIC SESSION:**

Marcia McKenna, Chair - Yes      Ted Slader – Yes      Emily Bass - Yes  
Nancy Devine - Yes.                      Bill Lord - Yes

**MOTION PASSED**

**PUBLIC SESSION RECONVENED AND ADJOURNED AT 8:51pm.**

**These Minutes recorded by:** Colleen King

*These Minutes were APPROVED at the November 7, 2019 Conservation Commission meeting.*