

Sunapee Conservation Commission meeting minutes dated December 4, 2019

Present: Van Webb, Tim Fleury, Cliff Field, Mark Reynolds, Lela Emery

Cody Collins Kangas and Sandy Blackington were present. They wanted to thank the SCC in person for the support and reimbursement of the expenses from the SCC for their easement project. The project cost came in just under budget of \$30,200. SCC had appropriated \$31,000. SCC member appreciated the in person thank you and hope that in the future more residents will support our warrant article so that we may be able to continue to help with other projects.

Cliff field made the motion to accept the minutes of November 2019. Mark Reynolds seconded. All in favor 5.

No current treasurer's report – SCC will have a current report of up-to-date balances for the December meeting also reflecting the \$31,000 expenses due out.

Mail: Wetlands permit by notification for Kathleen Bouwkamp, Rt 103, Sunapee 149/000 lot 27, Mountain View Lake 6'X30' seasonal crank up dock attached by 4'x7' concrete hinge pad to be installed behind full lake elevation.

Wetlands Applications will all be new forms and new language as of 12/15/19

Cliff Fields and Mark Reynolds have made one pass at trail work on the Wendall Marsh parcels and will do a second run for confirmation.

Van Webb had a conversation with Doug Gamsby with the Town of Sunapee Water and Sewer Department regarding Sunapee springs. Mr. Gamsby wants to review the withdrawal tests and the review the reserved rights existing on the easement.

Van Webb attended the TOS Budget Meeting with the Board of Selectman and the BAC on behalf of the SCC. Our budget is up to accommodate membership fees. Our warrant article amount of \$55,000 does not have any change. WE would like to keep this number so that we may have funding available to do projects. Change of Use Tax has been received in past years however it is not a consistent occurrence or amount to offset the warrant article.

Van Webb stepped down as Chairman and a member of the board for the remainder of the meeting.

Tim Fleury took over the remainder of the meeting as Chairman.

Van Webb presented a project to the SCC. Van is acquiring a 6.11 acre lot of Nutting Farm on Stage Coach Rd. Van owns a 381 parcel across the street and would like to merge the two lots. The Town of Sunapee hold the primary easement and ASLPT is the back up. This will need Approval from the State of NH Attorney General. There would be no cost to the Town for this merger. Both will be under easements. The question of merging due to the easement, new parcel receives identical easement then merge together with abutting protected parcel. Time line of project close before the end of the year. Easement in March then merge in April. All due diligence will be taken care of, clear title, hazardous waste check, new easement language current to merge with existing older easement already in place and all meets ASLPT new restrictions and forestry language. The new parcel will be called Olney Nutting Conservation Easement. SCC comments as project moves forward follow the process and new owner update the SCC. This projects matches goals set by the SCC. No cost to the SCC. This parcel will be easy to Monitor. SCC supports the merger of the new parcel to the existing easement. Once parcel is purchased and closed SCC will be updated by the owner on the project at the January 2020 meeting.

Van Webb has left the Meeting. Tim Fleury acting Chair

The Nutting Project – the subdivision is approved and needs the Planning Board approval. Clayton Platt has the survey done. The project and intentions are public with meeting that have been held. Tim Fleury will go to see Donna Nashawaty to explain our plan and involvement making clear that Van is not included with the purchase and the merge. There is question on Current Use Tax penalty on the two subdivided parcels. One parcel is under the acreage required for current use tax cut off. The owner does not want to pay. SCC cannot use funding for this expense. ASLPT will clarify if the language is on the subdivision before subdividing it may be able to protect easement and the Tax may not apply? Or private donations could be raised to cover the expense. AT this time: Still waiting for the appraisal, Tim Fleury and Andy ASLPT meet with Donna Nashawaty, Penalty Factor/raise more money if needed, subdivision under review, survey done.