

Sunapee Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes dated November 4, 2020

Present at the Town office: Lela Emery, Tim Fleury, Van Webb

Present via zoom: Mark Reynolds, Cliff Field

Tim Fleury read the State of NH Emergency Orders. Roll Call.

**Tim Fleury made the motion to approve the October 12, 2020 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Lela Emery. All in Favor TF,LE,MR,VW Abstain: Cliff Field**

Treasurers Report: Reviewed balances, CC Fund as of 8/31 had a balance of \$214,827.24. No balance update available. According to Mark tracking transactions the CC Fund has enough available to pay the invoice from ASLPT for the Nutting Family Farm Project \$12,487.00 for the remaining expenses and Stewardship fee for the project.

Jeremy Turner with Meadowsend Timberlands Ltd was present via Zoom to review the Timber Harvest/sale for Ledge Pond. The bid given to Ceresisimo(sp). Jeremy explained the process and work to be performed and assured the SCC that he is comfortable with the Loggers and that they understand the Towns objectives. Jeremy will work with the skilled crew every step of the way. They will follow the expectations and requests since recreational property, with regards to clean up, landing area and trails including Snow Mobile Trails during the winter time. The pulp from the harvest will be in the woods and not in the vicinity of the trails and landing. Cutting is a disturbance. Jeremy aim to minimize the retention of the pulp of tree that can't be marketed. Some may be sued in the woods as biological complexities enhance carbon, rebuilds soil nutrition and organics. Anticipated start date sooner than later. Prepare site not much activity till much colder weather. Jeremy will monitor the site. **Tim Fleury made the motion to accept MTL proposal of the timber sale on Ledge Pond. Seconded by Cliff Field. All in Favor MR, CF, TF, LE, VW.** MTL will work on an agreement to be signed, then to the SCC. Van Webb volunteered to be the point person for MTL to keep the SCC updated with progress. Cliff Field request that Casey Brenner of the Snowmobile Club be updated as well. Cliff will get the contact info to the two parties. Jeremy has met some of the neighbors and will introduce himself to others. He may call on Tim or Van to help with the public. SCC and Jeremy will be in touch in December.

A group from Town attended the SCC meeting to discuss the idea of putting two tennis courts which would also be the home of 8 pickle ball courts up on the open fields south of Seven Hearths Lane and Mt. Royal. The footprint would fit on the open field. The plan would have gravel drive and parking, paved courts, chain linked fence, no power and no concession stand. There were two in person representatives, Martin and Gail Bosse present for the discussion then several additional attendees via Zoom. This has become a popular game. Sunapee does not have public courts so to play tennis and or pickle ball, Sunapee residents need to travel to Newbury/Newport to use their courts. They are always very busy with groups of all ages. The group has spoken with the Rec committee and Scott Blewitt is supportive. SCC Board asked the time frame on the project, at this point have to look at 2022 to be a warrant article or to get into a budget for Recreation. Other items came up that SCC only weighs in on the land. Other proposals have been presented in years past with no success. There is an easement on the parcel, as it is proposed recreation the backup easement holder SPNHF would have to also approve/sign off on the proposal. There would need to be additional town approval Planning and zoning for number of parking spaces. There would need to be a budget in place for the install, maintenance and upkeep schedule. Also sanitation would need to be considered with a porta potty, and ADA compliance factor for the project. The 1926 stipulations state that SPNHF have the right to comment for something substantial to go on Dewey Woods. SCC would need to see very detailed plans before we could either agree or disagree. We would want to hear from schools, planning and zoning, Recreation Committee, then all would be forwarded to SPNHF. The guests have had some discussion with the Rec committee. Lines of communications will be kept open, email the SCC with questions. Zoom into our meeting to make comments as discussion unfolds. The group was cautioned SPNHF leans toward open space v. recreation fields let alone paved area.

Mail:

DES notice of incomplete expedited minimum impact application for LSYC Stone End Rd, Sunapee NH 126/13 SCC no action required

DES admin complete notice for Sean Hubbard, 96 Upper Bay Rd, Sunapee NH 146/6

A review of the final invoice for the Nutting Family Farm submitted from ASLPT.

**Tim Fleury made the motion to pay ASLPT \$12,487.00 out of the Conservation Commission Fund to settle the final invoice for the Nutting Family Farm Project. Cliff Field seconded the motion. All in favor, MR, CF, TF, LE, VW.**

SCC members reviewed a second invoice received and determined it had already been paid after reviewing October meeting minutes.

Van will attend the Town Budget meeting Friday November 6 to discuss warrant article and our budget.

Cliff has the signs No Motorized Vehicles to post and hopes to do before winter.

Review of funding, level fund budget and ask for \$55,000 due to projects and building up funds for future projects.

Helicopters doing electrical work and monitoring lines in town.

Maintenance issues on Dewey woods, late vegetation, Aspens growing. Under our budget, we have never received an invoice. Town, Rec or Highway. Tony used to do it. Our interest is to maintain as open space. Historically fields. Next spring, field visit and get someone up to bush hog it. That side of the property has had issues in past years regarding trees and neighbors views. Also our presences up there would be good.

Emerald Ash Borer in Sunapee, Prospect Hill and Sargent Rd. Next 5 year dead ash trees all over town and in Dewey woods. Be proactive when dead fall down, consult forester for plan.