

Sunapee Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes for February 3, 2021

Tim Fleury read the Emergency order per the Governor. Present via zoom and alone in the room - Van Webb, Cliff Field, Lindsey White, Matt Hurd, Matthew Flanders, Terry Mattson, Jeni. Present at the Town Office – Tim Fleury and Lela Emery.

Mark Reynolds - late

Terry Mattson and Matt Hurd are attending the SCC meeting as they are interested in joining the Conservation Commission.

Cliff Field made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 2021 meeting. Tim Fleury seconded the motion. All in favor TF yes, LE Yes, CF yes, VW yes.

Treasurers Report: Conservation Commission Fund balance is \$29,200. Expenditures for 2020 \$206,000.

Tim Fleury made the motion to accept the Treasurers report as presented. Cliff Field seconded the motion. Vote TF yes, LE yes, CF yes, VW yes.

Van will forward the Treasurers report to Terry Mattson.

Tim Fleury made the motion to pay Meadowsend Timberlands Ltd. (MTL) \$18.75 from the SCC Budget Line item Professional Services. Invoice #10 dated 11/11/20 for expense relating to Ledge Pond Timber harvest. Motion seconded by Cliff Field. Vote TF yes, LE yes, CF yes, VW yes.

Cliff Field made the motion to pay MTL \$56.25 from the SCC Budget Line item Professional Services. Invoice #Nov 2020, dated 1/12/21. Motion seconded by Tim Fleury. Vote TF yes, LE yes, CF yes, VW yes.

Tim Fleury read a Letter from Society of Protection for NH Forests. The letter states that the three properties: Bartlett, Tyler and Dewey Woods & Park were monitored via aerial review and that no conflict or issues were noted. Tim explained why the SPNHF is involved for the new SCC candidates by explaining that SPNHF holds the backup easement on these parcels and if we are not following the conditions then SPNHF will take over. Tim also explained the concerns with talk in the town about creating playing fields on the parcels. It is not just a matter of them being Town property, but the SPNHF has rights and must give permission as well. Which never happens!

SCC also received a notice from SPNHF that an Ariel monitoring of the Rockwell Farm Trust/Virginia Cooper parcel has been completed with no issues or conflicts noted.

NH DES Land Recourses Notice of Complaint to the Sunapee Harbor Riverway Inc. dated 1/13/21 for no permit noted for work done/clearing along the River.

DES Forest Statutory Permit Approval for Ledge Pond. SCC no action

Letter to DES with info clarifying question of prior application for 84 Garnet Hill Rd. 126/28 submitted by Aaron Whipple.

A Presentation by Lindsey White, Assistant Project Manager for GZA, Jeni, Matt Flanders regarding Eversource K174 Transmission Line Work. The group wanted to give the SCC a brief overview of the upcoming project and answer any questions we may have. The proposed project includes replacing exiting utility poles and replacing existing static wire with optical ground wire. It is classified as a utility maintenance project and Eversource plans to submit a statutory permit by Notification for the proposed Spring 2021 work. The Permit request & Wetlands Permit have been submitted and approved. SCC all on board and appreciate the courtesy and time to share the project at our meeting.

Tim Fleury made the motion to approve and accept the work proposed by Eversource on transmission lines right of way from Croydon to Sunapee. Cliff Field seconded the motion. Vote TF yes, LE yes, CF yes, VW yes.

SCC received a copy of a Shore Land Permit by Notification for the Town of Sunapee, Lake Ave Georges Mills right of way for paving. 104-107. SCC no action required.

Letter received and forwarded from Donna stating Soil Samples planned on being collected at Wendall Marsh South in the spring. SCC notes and answers yes, by all means, to the collecting.

Mark Reynolds arrived to the SCC meeting.

Van asked Mark to get memberships organizations and amounts for the budget for 2021 for our next meeting.

No SCC members attended the Deliberative Session.

Ledge Pond Timber Sale update. Tim commented he is very impressed on the work done, spoke to the logger who was well versed. Jeremy did a great job with layout, regeneration, no activity from neighbors. The snowmobile trail is still open and active. The sale will be revenue to the Town Forest Fund. They have set skid rows, let them freeze, and then pull wood.

Cliff Field update the SCC on his Trail Liability work. Cliff reported he has spoken to John Augustine who mentioned the topic at the Selectman's meeting. Cliff will be chatting with a few more people and will update the SCC as soon as he has the trail guidelines together and will send them out for review.

Barb Vaughn from the Town Office sent an email saying Cliff has been tagged as not being a full SCC member. Cliff noted he was appointed in the May 4, 2020 minutes and has been sworn in by Betty twice as well as doing the volunteer form. Van will follow up with Barb on Thursday.

Van Webb and Tim Fleury whose terms have expired have both completed their volunteer forms.

Cliff Field made the motion to reappoint Tim Fleury for another 3 year term of the Sunapee Conservation Commission. Mark Reynolds seconded the motion. Vote LE yes, CF yes, MR yes, VW yes, TF abstained.

Cliff Field made the motion to reappoint Van Webb for another 3 year term of the Sunapee Conservation Commission. Mark Reynolds seconded the motion. Vote CF yes, MR yes, LE yes, TF yes, VW abstained

Terry Mattson has submitted the volunteer form and would like to serve on the SCC.

Tim Fleury made the motion to appoint Terry Mattson as a Member of the SCC for a 3 year term. Cliff Field seconded the motion. Vote TF yes, LE yes, CF yes, MR yes, VW yes.

Matt Hurd will go to the Town of Sunapee and submit a volunteer form and will attend the March SCC Meeting to become a member.

Van asked Terry Mattson to make up the Agenda for the March 2021 meeting.

Cliff asked if SCC had received a copy of the monitoring report for the Wendall Marsh Property with the violations. SCC has not received as of yet.

Welcome Terry and see you in March Terry and Matt.