

**TOWN OF SUNAPEE  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING AGENDA  
October 6th, 2021 7:00 PM**

**Attendance:** Van Webb, Matt Hurd, Mark Reynolds, Tim Fleury

**Absent:** Terry Mattson, Cliff Field

**Meeting Commenced at 7:05 pm**

**MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING**

Matt moved to approve minutes from September meeting. Mark seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mark highlighted that the balance available in the Conservation Commission Fund is \$91,630.35. This balance reflects the \$55,000 from the 2021 Town Warrant article. It also reflects \$7,279.81 from the Land Use Change taxes. The balance of the Town Forest Fund stands at \$22,890.68. There were no changes to the fund balances in the other accounts.

Mark reviewed the payments made from the General Fund account and the Conservation Commission fund for invoices from SPNHF for membership (\$250) and trail work at Ledge Pond by Meadowsend Timberlands (\$206.25) approved at last month's meeting. It was agreed the accounting was accurate although a little confusing. Van will communicate with the interim bookkeeper and Donna about the confusion in the fund balances that the Commission has been receiving.

Matt made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report – seconded by Van. Treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

**REVIEW AND APPROVE INVOICES**

There were no invoices to review.

## **2022 BUDGET REQUEST**

Van submitted the 2022 Conservation Commission Budget Request for \$4,500 in the General Fund Line Item as approved in last month's meeting.

## **2022 WARRANT ARTICLE REQUESTS**

Van submitted a 2022 Warrant Article request for \$55,000 for Conservation Commission Fund and another 2022 Warrant Article request to expend \$5,700 from the Town Forest Fund for trail work at the Ledge Pond Town Forest as approved at last month's meeting.

## **MAIL**

A Standard Dredge and Fill application was filed on behalf of Carter Revocable Trust, Natividad and Natividad J. Carter, Trustees by Central Lakes Company, Inc to install a floating seasonal dock parallel to existing permanent crib dock at 9 Great Island (Map 142, Lot 7).

A Report of Alleged Violation from NHDES was received for vegetation removed along Otter Pond Brook without a permit of prior authorization Goodhue Sunapee Real Property, LLC (1282 Route 11, Tax Map 104, Lot 84). The owner has 20 days to respond to the allegations.

NHDES has approved the application for a Standard Dredge and Fill Wetland Permit for replacing an existing boathouse and attached docking structure located at 26 Garnet Hill Road (Tax Map 125, Lot 736) owned by Coffin Real Estate Trust.

## **PRESENTATIONS/VISITORS**

### **Laura French – LCIP Monitoring.**

The Office of Strategic Initiatives has disbanded and the Conservation Land Stewardship Program now functions as its own agency. Charlotte Harding is the new Stewardship Specialist and is responsible for reviewing the municipal easements. She has request the towns submit their Municipal Inspection Reports (MIR) to her. Her message also indicated that she would be inspecting the municipal easements as well.

Laura French from Meadowsend Timberlands join the meeting by Zoom. Van asked Laura if she planned to complete the LCIP easement monitoring this fall. She indicated that Meadowsend monitored Sunapee's LCIP easements in 2017

and last year. She indicated that the MRI is a 2 page document that is due in the fall and that Laura will be complete if requested. Laura said she will clarify with Charlotte if CLS staff will do monitoring or if Meadowsend will do it again. Laura will provide a cost estimate for doing the monitoring. The goal would be to complete the monitoring by end of year.

### **FILLING CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP VACANCIES**

The Commission considered applicants for the Conservation Commission Membership position vacated by Lela Emery and the two Alternate Membership positions. There were three applicants for the vacant positions: Barbara Chalmers, Scott Blewitt, and Ginny Gwynn. It was decided to review the candidates and then vote on the top three candidates.

After reviewing the applicants it was decided that Barbara Chalmers was number 1, Ginny Gwynn was number 2, and Scott was number 3.

Tim made a motion to select Barbara Chalmers for the Membership on the Conservation Commission. Matt seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Matt motion to select Ginny Gwynn for the Alternate Membership on the Conservation Commission. Mark seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued about whether Scott Blewitt could serve a voting member as a Town Employee. The Commission member thought important that volunteers from the community be given the opportunity to serve on the Town Boards and Commissions. No action was taken on filling the second Alternate Membership.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Trail Work**

#### **Volunteers working on trails**

Cliff Fields was absent so there was not update present at this month's meeting.

#### **"Walk Your Woods" – Team Update**

Mark highlighted that Walk Your Woods day was held on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1 pm on the Red Water Creek trail system adjoining Dexter's Inn. The hike was well attended with 31 folks participating. The rain held off and it was pleasant fall day in the woods. Everyone seemed to enjoy the event so the day

was successful! Mark and Matt were thanked for the efforts in organizing the hike!

Discussion about a tour at Ledge Pond next fall. The Eagle Scout trail would be complete and the Commission could highlight the work that has done at the Ledge Pond Town Forest especially the expanded trail system.

Matt and Mark will start planning another hike in Spring with increased emphasis on inviting families to participate. They will report back at the next meeting.

### **Wendell Marsh View Easement**

Tim indicated that the meeting at the Ginsburg's view easement still has not happen. The Ginsburgs, Clayton Platt (surveyor), and Tim have been unable to coordinate schedule to arrange a meeting on site. Hopefully it will happen this month.

### **Ledge Pond Canoe**

Van was contacted by the Sunapee Police Department regarding the canoe that is located on the Ledge Pond Town Forest. Van told the Police Department that the canoe has been the subject of discussion by the Conservation Commission and that the Commission wants the canoe to be removed by the owner. The PD will attempt to contact the owner and remove the canoe if they owner does not respond.

### **Wendell Marsh Treehouse.**

Tim asked about the status of the treehouse located on Wendall Marsh South that was slated for removal this summer by the Highway Department. It was not clear if the treehouse was removed when the Highway Department personnel attempted to access it via a right-of-way over a neighboring property. Van will check into the status of the treehouse removal.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

### **Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm**

Respectively submitted  
Tim Fleury