

Minutes for the June 28, 2017 Alexandria Conservation Commission Meeting

Call meeting to order at 6:30 pm by Ernie Lamos

Members present: Ernie Lamos, Steve Whitman (by telecommunication), George Whittaker Tom Larson, Kim Sharp, Merry Ruggirello

Excused: Jennifer Tuthill, Ron McLean.

Kim Sharp was elected to replace Jennifer for voting purposes for the evening.

Absent:

BOS representative present: Bob Piehler

Approve minutes from April 26, mtg: motion to accept minutes as presented was made by Kim Sharp and 2nd by Merry Ruggirello. Motion passed unanimously.

Financials:

- Ernie Lamos reported an Operating Budget as of April 11 is \$152.80

- The balance in the Conservation Fund account as of June 1, 2017 is \$1,411.00

Permits: There were five permits that were mentioned. Four that did not require any action or input from the ACC, but were for information only, one permit dealing with beach property on Newfound Lake Which Ernie Has taken care of.

Resignation: Ernie read a letter from Ron McLean stating his intention to resign as a regular member of the ACC for personal reasons. Merry Ruggirello moved that a letter be sent to Ron Mclean acknowledging, with regrets, his resignation from the ACC and thanking him for his service. The motion was seconded by Kim Sharp and passed unanimously. Kim Sharp agreed to fill the spot on the commission as a regular member of the committee. Kim, who has been an alternate, will inform the BOS in writing.

Old Business

Status of kiosk at Barrett Park on Bog Road:

1. Ernie will contact Kate Barrett as to the availability of a weekday during the 3rd week in July for a dedication of the kiosk.
2. In an effort, to keep the Barrett park natural it was decided that minimal mowing should be done. A path perhaps around the edge of the open area or through the center to lead to the bog was suggested. The knot weed which was cut last year grew back as if we never cut. Tom Larson suggested leaving it alone as cutting it was not helpful. Bob Peihler suggested trying pool shock as an experiment on a small (4x4) area of knot weed that is growing in the middle of the park.

3. Kiosk Signs have been installed on both sides of the kiosk which read "Alexandria Barrett Park". Homasote board was to be cut to fit each panel of the kiosk and screwed in as a backing to facilitate pinning up various pictures maps and other information for public viewing. This has been done since the meeting and the kiosk is now displaying the pictures from the ACC calendars and a geological survey map of the bog area.
4. Kim Sharp went to the area known as the Bird Sanctuary and reported that it is not a significant enough place to concentrate our efforts on.
5. ACC will help Historical Society with roadside litter cleanup on July 8th. We will meet at the corner of Bog Road and Washburn at 9:00am on Saturday morning.

New Business:

1. Merry informed the ACC that we are invited to attend the Planning Board meeting July 19. Boyd Smith of the Lakes Region Conservation Commission will be guest speaker.
2. Annual meeting of the NHACC will be held Saturday November 4 at Pembroke Academy.
3. Kim Sharp read a short, published article about the cost of obtaining a conservation easements. The article noted that there is a growing trend among towns not to put their public lands in conservation easements due to the cost. Average costs are stated to be between \$18,000 - \$23,000.

Motion to adjourn, Merry 2nd by Kim.

Our next meeting will be July 26, 2017

Submitted by Tom Larson, Secretary