

## Alexandria Conservation Commission

Minutes April 29, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm by Chairwomen Kate Barrett

Members Present: Kate Barrett, Jenny Tuthill, Ernie Lamos, Bob Piehler and BOS, Don Sharp

Members Absent: Don Gagnon, George Whittaker and Steve Whitman

Board of Selectmen: George Tuthill and Mike Broome; present to discuss Town Forest

Financials: Operating budget: \$ 344.99; Conservation Fund, \$23,255.78

The minutes March 25, 2015 were accepted and approved and will be sent to the town Administrative Assistant.

Permits: None

### Old Business

- The new road ordinance for Bog Rd. proposed by the Commission remains under review by the BOS. Jeff Cantara closed a portion of the road due to mud.
- Funding for the building of a Kiosk on the town property on Bog Rd is on hold due to a budget cut from the proposed amount of \$1310.00 to \$630.00 for the operating budget.
- The management plan for the Town Forest (TF) was discussed. At this time the Title is being researched. Each Selectman was given the RSA231:157-158 and the NHACC position on the management of a TF. Kate provided a NHACC summary of general goals and objectives to each selectman. It was noted that a warrant article would have established a TF Maintenance Fund to cover initial costs necessary for a timber management plan. The CC can provide the initial start-up costs, however there will be an agreement to reimbursement the CC Fund for the initial costs of TF management. Jenny Tuthill will be the designated CC member to contact Dave Falkenham at UNH to determine the general state of the forest and suggest various options. Later there will be interviews for a Forester to manage the land. There will be a plan for staging the cutting, what type of cut and what to leave. The CC will provide information about the happenings at the TF to the Board of Selectman and to residents via the Town monthly news. Recreation will be integrated into the plan. Don S. will review the Forest on Sun. at 8 with Jenny T. and Ernie L.
- A copy of the letter to the National Grid was sent to the CC for its record.
- Trout Unlimited (TU) is coming of Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 am to review Patten Brook as it course travels from the Town garage bridge to the Bog Bridge. The BOS, Hwy Agent and the CC are invited to attend.

### New Business

- The election of officers: Ernest Lamos, Chair; Bob Piehler, Vice Chair; and Steve Whitman, Secretary.
- There were no changes to the By-Laws. The monthly meeting time is 6:30pm per By-Laws.
- Kate attended the update session for the NH Wildlife Action Plan in Plymouth.
- Kate noted the GIS Watershed Master Plan is scheduled for 6:30 on May 16<sup>th</sup> at the Hebron BOS office. Kate encouraged members to attend this very factual important meeting.
- There were many interesting meeting hand-outs to review.
- Jenny is going to inquire if Andrea Tuthill and David Chapman are interested as Alternates to the CC.
- Kate would like to see an addition to the NRI to include the Fowler River and the Smith River. The CC has the framework from the original NRI to use. However, there are tasks before the project can be underway: requesting permission for walking on properties by the field biologist, quotes for the work, interviews and sundry details.
- Jenny supplied a list to each member of great CC sponsored activities for the residents.

Kate Barrett, Chair

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