

***Minutes for the August 30, 2017 Alexandria
Conservation Commission Meeting**

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

Members present: Ernie Lamos, George Whittaker Tom Larson, Kim Sharp, Merry Ruggirello, Jennifer Tuthill

Excused: Steve Whitman

Absent: 0

BOS representative present: Bob Piehler

Voted to approve minutes from July 26, Motion made by Bob Piehler seconded by Ernie Lamos

Financials: Ernie reported a balance of \$484.36 in operating account.

Permits:

Shoreland Impact near the Ledges approved August 7, 2017 good for 5 years.

(Ernie, please help me reword this please. I can't recall details.

There were 2 permits mentioned for information only.

1. Septic on Hemphill Rd.
2. Septic at 276 King Rd.

Old Business

1. George and Jennifer Tuthill have Mowed the Barrett Park.
2. Ernie has agreed to post a Thank you notice in the kiosk to acknowledge Jim Ball, Bob Cantara and RP Williams for their efforts and contributions to the construction of the kiosk.

New Business

1. The subject of approaching Bog abutters with information on conservation easements was mentioned. The idea is to see if interested land owners could get together with folks from LRCS who may be able to provide financial assistance to these landowners to enable them to afford an otherwise costly investment to protect their land around the bog from future development.
 - a. Bob Piehler has spoken with one land owner, Don Towle and reported that he was receptive to the idea but needed more information especially in regard to the cost.
 - b. It was suggested that a committee be formed to plan a meeting of all abutters to explain the idea of Conservation Easements, the benefits and the possibility of financial assistance being offered by LRCS. Ernie, George Kim, Merry and Jennifer volunteered to serve on this committee.
2. Lot 55 on Bog Road
Discussion Points:
 - It was mentioned that property was not worth much.
 - Nature trail was suggested, not all were in favor.
 - It is already owned by town
 - The town should keep it due to the lack of zoning, there's no telling what an owner might do with it.
 - It should be called Conserved wetlands.
 - A letter should be submitted to BOS. (Steve Whitman has submitted a draft by email for our review).

3. 2018 Budget: It was suggested to request raising budget from \$1,411.00 to \$2,200.00 to cover the cost of Calendars and prints and perhaps additional local regional Conservation meetings that we might attend in addition to the Annual Meeting.

Motion to adjourn, by Tom Larson 2nd by Bob Peihler.

Our next meeting will be September 27-30, 2017

Submitted by Tom Larson, Secretary

*This is an approved draft of the minutes. It is pending approval at next ACC regular meeting.