Minutes for the January 31, 2018 Alexandria Conservation Commission Meeting

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

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

Excused: Jennifer Tuthill

BOS representative present: Bob Piehler

Vote to approve minutes from Nov. meeting, Motion made by Tom Larson, 2nd by Kim Sharp, All in favor.

Financials: Balance of \$Balance in ACC account as of November 30 was \$814.36, reported by Ernie Lamos. There was some discussion as to the accuracy of this number as we were under the impression that we were running at a deficit due to an error in the budget amount approved – Ernie will check with Jennifer for clarification

Permits: Information only permits for septic systems at the following locations were mentioned.

186 Newfound Hill Rd. Ledgeview Shores Dr. Westshore Rd. 673 Washburn Rd.

Old Business

1. 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.

It was decided to discuss this at our January Meeting.

Due to Jennifer's absence this discussion was postponed until Next meeting.

- 2. Lot 55 on Bog Road
 - Motion made by Jennifer for her to work on this issue with Ernie.

Due to Jenny's unforeseen illness and hospitalization, this work has not been completed.

New Business

There are still about 16 calendars to be sold. Committee members were asked to take 3 calendars each and try to sell them to friends, family, or neighbors. It was also suggested that any remaining calendars be brought to the Deliberative Session to try to sell at that time.

Jennifer Tuthill has given \$310.00 to Jennifer Dostie to be deposited into our account from the sale of calendars so far.

Ideas were discussed ideas of items to be included in the Annual Report of the town.

Kiosk at Bog Park, calendar reception, town forest signs were some of the suggestions.

Any other new business: An informal conversation on the subjects of Land Management and flooding concerns and the importance of these issues as relates to conservation followed. Bob Piehler was at our meeting as the BOS representative, and was able to provide his opinion of the town's prospective. The idea of holding a public seminar of some sort to help engage the town residents and generate interest in addressing these issues was

mentioned. It was decided that it would be a good idea to dedicate our next meeting or schedule a separate work session to developing this idea further.

Motion to adjourn, made by Tom Larson, 2nd by Merry Ruggirello. Motion carried unanimously, and meeting adjourned at 7:56pm

Our next meeting will be February 28, 2018.