



TOWN OF BOW

Conservation Commission

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Bow Conservation Commission

Meeting – April 15, 2019

Minutes

The regular meeting of the Bow Conservation Commission was held on April 15 at 7:00 p.m. Chair Sandy Crystall called the meeting to order.

Members present: Sandy Crystall, Amanda Kallenbach, Michael Hansen, and Bob Ball. Wendy Waskin was excused.

Items for Consideration/Discussion

Turee Pond

a) Milfoil treatment update

Ms. Crystall said that the notice to the abutters had been sent out and the timeframe indicated early June to early September. She will check with NHDES about the late date in September. Members briefly discussed posting the VLAP reports on the Kiosk by the boat ramp and updating the website with more recent information.

b) Spring sampling

Mr. Ball said that the same locations were sampled almost at the same time as last year so there should be a good comparison. The members discussed sampling for chlorides for those streams inflowing to Turee Pond as was done last year and sampling additional new locations, such as the stream downgradient from Robinson Road where the development is proposed. Members also discussed which protocols to use for sampling, VLAP or VRAP, when to sample and other possible locations. Mr. Ball said that a plan needs to be filed soon for sampling the Robinson Road location.

Land Protection

a) BioBlitz application – UNH

The application was discussed along with the Town properties that should be recommended as a location for the BioBlitz and why. Members went over each question of the application and the proposed language. Ms. Crystall asked to submit any additional comments to her. She also will email Selectman Judd to find out which properties are used by the Cub Scouts to make sure that this is incorporated in the decision for which properties to select for BioBlitz.

Wetland application/wetland CUPs/NHDES correspondence

a) Gardner Contracting LLC (site walk planned/held 4/13/19)

Members discussed the sitewalk that took place on April 13th, at the Gardner subdivision. Ms. Crystall briefly went over the latest Planning Board meeting on the yield plan. She also spoke about abutter letters and one in particular, where a question was asked about the vernal pool report that

was requested from the applicant by the US Army Corps of Engineers and that has not yet been prepared by the applicant. Ms. Crystall said that the developer is working on the report and should be providing it for review. Another abutter provided a marked up plan of vernal pools which shows that they are part of one system. Also discussed was the use of silt socks for the retention pond, the need to receive a more accurate measurement of the stream for which a culvert was proposed as it was not provided by the wetland scientist. It was also noted that having an open space design provides more area for conservation as opposed to a standard development. Members discussed other issues brought up by the abutters, like wetland impacts, hydrology study, naming the road similar to an already existing trail, and etc.

Trails

a) Coordination with other groups (Bow Open Spaces, Bow Pioneers, etc.)

Discussion focused on ways to cooperate with Bow Open Spaces and Bow Pioneers Snowmobile Club and how to foster better communications. Ms. Crystall asked for help in finding an organizer and a facilitator of a get together for all the three groups where they could discuss cooperation. Mr. Ball offered to speak to his contacts in Bow Pioneers to start the discussion.

Easement monitoring report

The report had been sent but has not been reviewed yet. Members discussed some areas of concerns and the follow up that is necessary. Ms. Crystall will send a copy of the report to the members via email.

Other

a) NRI RFQ/P (status)

Ms. Crystall updated everyone on the status of the RFQ and noted that the deadline is May 2, 2019. So far there have been no responses. Members discussed scheduling an extra meeting on May 8th or 9th to discuss the submitted proposals if any.

b) NHACC – Conservation Field Training Series

An email went out to everyone with more information.

c) Next timber harvest

Discussion will need to happen once more information has been received from the Town Forester Ron Klemarczyk. Ms. Crystall also noted that the Commission should ask Mr. Klemarczyk to conduct a walk of previous timber cuts to see how things are now.

d) Debrief – Saving Places Conference (held 4/6/19)

Ms. Crystall attended the conference and provided a brief review to the members.

e) VLAP Training – Saturday, May 18, 2019 and VRAP training – Saturday, May 4, 2019

Both noted.

Ms. Crystall also noted that there were two Town Official Referral forms received for comment from the Planning Board. One property is a commercial site plan on 13 Dunklee Road for a proposed warehouse, and the other is a two lot subdivision, where an existing home will be cut from the main lot on 117 Woodhill Road. There were no concerns about either.

Unapproved Minutes 3/18/2019.

The minutes were reviewed. Mr. Hansen made a motion, duly seconded by Ms. Kallenbach to approve the minutes as edited. The motion passed with a unanimous vote in favor.

Ms. Kallenbach made a motion, duly seconded by Mr. Ball to adjourn the meeting and the vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM.