



TOWN OF BOW

Conservation Commission

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Bow Conservation Commission

Meeting – May 13, 2019

Minutes

The regular meeting of the Bow Conservation Commission was held on May 13 at 7:02 p.m. Chair Sandy Crystall called the meeting to order.

Members present: Sandy Crystall, Amanda Kallenbach, Michael Hansen, Wendy Waskin, and Bob Ball. Ms. Crystall also noted that a member of the public was in the audience. Linda Millman from 80 Robinson Road introduced herself and took a seat at the table at the invitation of Ms. Crystall.

Items for consideration/discussion

Timber harvest planning with Ron Klemarczyk, Town Forester.

Mr. Klemarczyk presented three options for timber cuts and went over each one in more detail. He spoke of three Town forests: Walker Forest, Morgan Lot, and Robinson Road forest. He spoke about the areas and acreage on each lot where he proposed a possible timber harvest(s), the types of trees and whether they are healthy or not, logging methods, and approximate revenue that could be produced. He also noted that there are trails that may become an issue once logging commences. He then answered questions about trails; tree diseases; timber harvest process from tree selection to logging; bids; appropriate seasons to harvest; etc. After discussion, Mr. Klemarczyk recommended that the Robinson Road lot not be harvested this time, as it may be best to wait several years.

Members discussed the three locations and trails present. General consensus was that Walker Forest sounded like it would be best for a timber harvest and that the Commission would like to go on a site walk with Mr. Klemarczyk to see the property. The site walk will take place on Wednesday, June 12th at 4:30 PM and will begin at the trailhead. Members also discussed the need to coordinate with Bow Open Spaces for any trails that are being planned.

NRI RFQ/P – Proposals received

Members discussed the followup with the references for the consultant with the top scoring proposal, which was Moosehead Ecological LLC. All the references were very positive.

Mr. Kallenbach made a motion to proceed with negotiations with Moosehead Ecological LLC. Ms. Waskin duly seconded and motion passed with everyone voting in favor.

Then the members discussed the procedures; price range given by the selected applicant, and how it would depend on the number of days of field work; the need to set up the initial meeting with the consultant; the need to draw up a contract or have the consultant provide the language, that would need to be checked by the Town. Ms. Crystall also said that she will need to check with the Board of Selectmen if they need to approve anything in this case.

Ms. Crystall then asked Linda Millman if she had a reason for attending the meeting. Ms. Millman said that she was wondering if there were any new developments with regards to the Gardner Subdivision as she had heard that the NHDES extended their review until May 22nd. The members responded that there were no new developments that they were aware of, except for the fact that the engineer had requested an extension from the Planning Board until June 20th.

Easement monitoring – followup.

Ms. Crystall briefly noted that followup will be needed as there may have been an encroachment on the easement at the Briarwood Road/Robinson Town Forest Location.

Turee Pond

a) Milfoil treatment

Ms. Crystall briefly spoke about the anticipated timeframe for treatment this year.

b) Spring sampling

Mr. Ball said he took Chloride measurements today in the same locations. April sampling results were in the packet and the members discussed the increase in chloride (almost double) for the distance from the Firehouse Pond outlet to the White Rock Hill Road culvert. Mr. Ball also spoke about scheduling VLAP measurements for the summer and it was noted that milfoil treatment may be done within the same timeframe; if so, it may interfere with the results. Mr. Ball also said that sampling the additional new location, which is the stream downgradient from Robinson Road, will be done in June.

Mr. Ball also spoke about a bridge that has washed out into the pond and that it could possibly be leaching harmful chemicals into the water as it is made of pressure treated lumber. Members discussed the issue of the bridge and general consensus was to find out who the property owner is and follow up with them.

Wetland application/wetland CUPs/NHDES correspondence

Ms. Crystall said that she had received a copy of the NHDES Shoreland protection permit for a garage replacement on a property on Ferry Road. Members discussed the fact that the Commission only gets notified after the fact on Shoreland permits (unlike wetland permits, where the Commission is notified when the application is submitted to NHDES).

Other items.

Members spoke about the following:

- Eagle Scout Aaron Safian presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Bow Conservation Commission for their help with his Eagle project, the Life Trail on the Hammond Nature Preserve;
- The BioBlitz application has been submitted to UNH Cooperative Extension;
- Letter was received seeking input for Cub Scout activities and a response was sent;
- Members should contact the Bow Recycling Committee about the recycling situation in Town and voice their concerns.

Ms. Crystall also noted that the Lakes Congress will be taking place on May 31, 2019. Mr. Ball said he is willing to attend. *Ms. Kallenbach made a motion to approve Mr. Ball's attendance of the Lakes Congress on May 31, 2019, and Ms. Waskin duly seconded. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.*

Unapproved Minutes 4/15/2019 and 5/08/2019.

The 4/15/2019 minutes were reviewed and changes were made. *Ms. Kallenbach made a motion, duly seconded by Mr. Hansen to approve the 4/15/2019 minutes as amended. The motion passed with a majority vote in favor. Ms. Waskin abstained.*

The May 8, 2019 minutes were reviewed and changes were suggested. *Ms. Waskin made a motion, duly seconded by Ms. Kallenbach to approve the minutes as amended. The motion passed with a majority vote in favor. Mr. Ball abstained.*

Mr. Hansen made a motion, duly seconded by Mr. Ball to adjourn the meeting and the vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.