



TOWN OF BOW

Conservation Commission

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Bow Conservation Commission

Meeting – June 17, 2019

Minutes

The regular meeting of the Bow Conservation Commission was held on June 17 at 7:00 p.m. Chair Sandy Crystall called the meeting to order.

Members present: Sandy Crystall, Amanda Kallenbach, Michael Hansen, Wendy Waskin. Bob Ball was excused. Also present were Chris Nicolopoulos, Board of Selectmen representative.

Items for consideration/discussion

NRI kick off meeting with Moosewood Ecological

Jeff Littleton and Chris Kane introduced themselves as the team from Moosewood Ecological. Mr. Littleton thanked the Commission for choosing their team. He noted that the third team member, Laura Deming could not attend the meeting because she was doing field work up north. Discussion ensued about the contract and the scope of work as the members went through it item by item. Mr. Kane noted that a Data Sharing Agreement with the Natural Heritage Bureau, as described in the proposal, will involve additional fees related to the provision of that data. He also mentioned that the consultants are added to the user list in addition to a Town contact. *Ms. Kallenbach made a motion to approve spending up to \$1000 for the Natural Heritage Bureau fees related to the NRI work. Mr. Hansen duly seconded and motion passed unanimously.*

Discussion continued about information needed regarding the contract signing authority on behalf of the Town, which Ms. Crystall will need to find out from the Town Manager. Also discussed was the provision of an authorization letter for the consultants to display on their vehicles when they are doing field work. They will provide the Commission the information on their make and model. Mr. Littleton also noted that there is a letter that their team uses to request access to land that is privately owned and that the Commission would need to review it before it is mailed out.

The amount of time spent on field surveys was also discussed. *Ms. Kallenbach made a motion to authorize 15 (fifteen) days of field surveys without coming back to the Commission for additional approval. Ms. Waskin duly seconded and motion passed unanimously.*

There were three meetings with the Commission in the Commission's scope of work; any additional meetings will be an extra cost as described in the Moosewood proposal. Mr. Littleton noted that the Commission will be well informed as to what is being done.

GIS mapping and analyses were discussed and the Commission expressed an interest in acquiring a GIS based Story Map for the website, which was described in the proposal but without a price provided. *Ms. Kallenbach made a motion to approve up to \$2000 for the production of the Story Map. Mr. Hansen duly seconded and motion passed unanimously.*

Then Mr. Littleton spoke about adjustments to the timeline listed in the contract, which were minor.

Another discussion ensued about the documents, deliverables, and data that would be made available to the Commission after the NRI is complete. Then Mr. Littleton answered some questions about specifics of the

field surveys, whether a high school class could accompany the team during field work (yes), and whether any threats (such as invasive species) that are noticed out in the field will be reported back to the Commission (yes, especially if Conservation Commission priority).

Ms. Kallenbach made a motion to approve the revised draft contract (that will be provided by Moosehead Ecological incorporating all the changes discussed). Ms. Waskin duly seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Timber harvest planning with Ron Klemarczyk, Town Forester.

Ms. Crystall noted that a site visit took place to the Walker Town forest on June 12th. Members discussed what they noted during the sitewalk and why Mr. Klemarczyk suggested the fall season for a timber harvest. Potential revenue noted by Mr. Klemarczyk was around \$14,000-\$17,000.

Ms. Kallenbach made a motion to approve the timber harvest in the Walker Town forest as the time and condition would allow. Mr. Hansen duly seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Wetland application/wetland CUPs/NHDES correspondence

Gardner – CUP #401-19w (recent submittal).

Ms. Crystall said that the recent submittal only showed the Boulder Lane portion being developed as a conventional subdivision and a recreation parcel to be provided to the Town. In the letter accompanying the submittal, the engineer requested that the Parks and Recreation donation of land for the entire parcel such that no further donation will be required when the rest of the parcel is developed. The members discussed the intent of the request. Ms. Crystall noted that there was an abutter present in the audience. Linda Millman, 80 Robinson Road, introduced herself and spoke about her interpretation of the recreation donation requirements. She also noted that the recreation donation area seemed smaller to her than on the previous plans and that it seemed to her that there are at least five lots now that would have wetland buffer impacts. Ms. Millman also spoke about the title search she did for the property and that it appears that there are more owners of this property than are shown on the application.

Ms. Crystall clarified the wetland buffer impact areas and how it would be shown on the plan. She also explained NHDES wetland rules for wetland impacts and that they are considered in a cumulative manner, for instance, if a larger project is split into two smaller ones. Then the members discussed the recreation land donation and that it was not clear what the developer had for further plans for the large portion of the lot. General consensus was that the Commission was against the Town accepting the land without any knowledge of future development plans.

CUP #504-19 Steven and Michael Chadwick & Joan Pushee, 71-77 Brown Hill Road. (“Hamilton Court”).

Ms. Crystall noted that the application will be considered by the Planning Board on Thursday was for receipt of application. Members briefly discussed the yield plan and the proposed subdivision. Ms. Crystall noted that there should be a sitewalk and general consensus was to wait until after the site walk to provide any comments.

Subdivision: Jobin-Morgan Dr. (Block 2 – Lot 144) PB site walk 5:30 PM on 6/20.

Ms. Crystall noted that a Planning Board site walk will be taking place on June 20th and invited members to join. She also said that there were no wetland/buffer impacts proposed. After a short discussion, the comments were made that there were no surveyor or wetland scientist stamps on the plans and no wetland scientist name.

Turee Pond Update

Ms. Crystall noted that the milfoil treatment took place on June 6. With posters about the treatment displayed for the public and a resident posted a photo of the treatment poster, there was a lot of discussion on the Bow Community Facebook page that evening. Ms. Crystall addressed a variety of concerns and questions posed by the residents.

Other items.

Ms. Crystall noted that the new NHDES wetland rules will become effective on December 15, 2019. She also noted that the Community Development Department had scheduled a Conservation Commission training hosted by New Hampshire Municipal Association that will take place on September 16, 2019 at 7:00 PM here in the municipal building.

Ms. Waskin noted that the Town was again recycling.

Ms. Millman commended the Commission for their effort in developing an NRI and said that she wished it has been done sooner.

Unapproved 05/13/2019 Minutes.

The May 13, 2019 minutes were reviewed and changes were made. Ms. Waskin made a motion, duly seconded by Ms. Kallenbach to approve the minutes as amended. The motion passed with a unanimous vote in favor.

Ms. Kallenbach made a motion, duly seconded by Ms. Waskin to adjourn the meeting and the vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.