



# TOWN OF BOW

## Conservation Commission

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### **Bow Conservation Commission**

**January 10, 2022**

**Draft Minutes**

The regular meeting of the Bow Conservation Commission was held on Thursday, January 10, 2022, at 7:00 PM in Room C of the Municipal Office building at 10 Grandview Road. Chair Sandy Crystall called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

Members present: Sandy Crystall, Dik Dagavarian, Alexander Grene. Bob Ball and Tina Blanks were participating remotely. Everyone but Ms. Blanks voted.

#### **Items for Consideration/Discussion**

##### **BCC annual report for town report**

Ms. Crystall displayed the draft report and small changes were made. Mr. Grene made a motion to approve the report as amended, Mr. Dagavarian duly seconded and motion passed unanimously.

##### **Eversource wetland CUP for D121 (after the fact) and Q171 (proposed)**

Lindsey White from GZA Environmental Consultants and Jeremy Fennell from Eversource presented the plans via Zoom. Ms. White showed the after the fact impacts for line D121 and proposed work to be done on line Q171. Then Ms. White and Mr. Fennell answered questions about the proposed access road and whether it would remain after the work is done; existence of any trails where the access is proposed; possibility of restricting access to others after the work is done; performing the works during frozen conditions and using timber matting; type of equipment being used; etc.

*Mr. Dagavarian made a motion to support the approval of the Conditional Use Permit for the two lines.*

*Mr. Grene duly seconded and motion passed unanimously.*

##### **NRI - status/remaining items**

Ms. Crystall said that the GIS data and Story Map was transferred to the Regional Planning Commission for hosting. The link to the Story Map is as follows: <https://arcg.is/1yfPWX>. She said that there is no report as of yet and she had emailed the consultant.

##### **1. Turee Pond- grant agreement for milfoil**

Members reviewed the grant agreements and Ms. Crystall noted that this year the match for both herbicide application and divers would be 50%. The total amount due from the Commission for both would be \$12,225.00. *Mr. Grene made a motion to approve the grant agreement as presented.*

Mr. Ball asked if the Commission would have a choice between DASH work or divers. Ms. Crystall responded that she was not sure but could look into it. *Mr. Ball seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous vote in favor.* Ms. Crystall said that she will contact the contractors.

##### **BCC webpage**

Members agreed to schedule a work session to discuss the proposed changes to the Commission webpage. The session will take place on January 24, 2022 at 7:00 PM in Room C of the municipal building.

##### **Info**

51 **Chadwick-Pushee warrant article**

52 Ms. Crystall said that the Board of Selectmen voted 3:2 to present the warrant article to put the  
53 conservation easement on the property.

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55 **Robertson trail status**

56 Ms. Crystall provided an update on the status of the Robertson Trail proposal.

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58 **Upcoming**

59 Ms. Crystall provided some information on the following upcoming events:

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- 61 - OPD PLAN Webinar Series – Putting Your Master Plan to Work Thurs, Jan 22, 12-1 pm
  - 62 - Great Backyard Bird Count - Feb 12-13
  - 63 - Nature Groupie - had info on: <https://www.chronolog.io>
  - 64 - Saving Special Places Conference- Friday, April 1 & Saturday, April 2 (virtual)

65 Keynote speakers:

66 4/1: Robin Wall Kimmerer- author, *Braiding Sweet Grass*

67 4/2: Carolyn Finney- <https://diversityinconservation.org/speaker/carolyn-finney/>

68 Ms. Crystall also noted that NHANRS Annual Conference in January 2022 and said that the information  
69 had been emailed to the members.

70 She also offered to do another work session on wetlands permitting for the members sometime in the  
71 future.

72 Mr. Ball provided some information on the NH Coverts project by UNH Cooperative extension and  
73 invited members to check out the training sessions.

74 Ms. Crystall then displayed a file with a rogue trail in the Walker Forest and said that Bow Open Spaces  
75 were looking for feedback from the Commission on whether it would make sense to make it an official  
76 trail. Ms. Crystall noted that trail making needs to take into consideration the impacts on the wildlife and  
77 that this trail looked like it would make quite a significant impact.

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79 **Unapproved Minutes: November 17 and December 13, 2021**

80 *11/17/2021 draft minutes were reviewed, and changes were made. Mr. Dagavarian made a motion to*  
81 *approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Grene duly seconded and motion unanimously passed.*

82 *12/13/2021 draft minutes were reviewed, and changes were made. Mr. Grene made a motion to approve*  
83 *the minutes as amended, Mr. Ball duly seconded and motion passed with a 3:0:1 vote with Mr.*  
84 *Dagavarian abstaining due to not being present at that meeting.*

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86 After a motion by Mr. Dagavarian for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Grene, meeting adjourned at  
87 8:15PM.

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89 **Next meeting: January 24, 2022 (Work session) and February 14, 2022 - both at 7:00 PM**

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