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**Conservation Commission
Draft Minutes
Public and non-public
August 25, 2022**

7:00 pm @ Community Development Department

Attendance:

Chairman Dave Curto- present

Vice Chair Wayne Morris- present

Joe Bradley, alternate member (seated for Kara Feldberg)- present

Brian McFarland, alternate member (seated for Pam Skinner)- present

Mike Specian, alternate member (seated for Lisa Ferrisi)- present

Lisa Ferrisi- excused

Pam Skinner- excused

Kara Feldberg- excused

6:30 – 7:00 PM Non-public session under RSA 91A: 3 II (d)

Topic: Land acquisition

The non-public portion of the meeting was called to order at 6:35pm.

The Board discussed land acquisition.

Later, in the meeting, the Board made a motion to seal the minutes for a period of 1 year after coming out of non-public at 7:15pm.

New business/ Old business

Park Ranger/ Recreation discussion

Vice Chair Morris stated that he spoke to the guidance counselor at the high school and they are interested in talking to students who might be interested in community service to help clean up some of the area near Clyde Pond.

Chairman Curto stated that M and D has been out at some of the Conservation lands.

Campbell Farm Updates:

- 1. Museum Committee Joint meeting review/ Artifacts**

The Board discussed storing some items in the basement at Campbell Farm; this was offered to the Board by the caretaker. Chairman Curto stated that they also discussed having a town auction or yard sale where some of the items might be able to be purchased. They will have to look into if there is an ordinance about selling town items or if it makes sense to hold on to these items. The Board will reconvene and look at the items in October/November once the weather cools off. The piano will remain in storage at this time.

Vice Chair Morris stated that the building next to the Common Man needs to be maintained at this time per an agreement with the town. Vice Chair Morris suggested seeing if restaurants wanted pieces like this to display. Vice Chair Morris suggested that the building might be a good place to display such items.

Vice Chair Morris stated that Northeast Pest control will look at the dogbane in the area of Campbell Farm and spraying will be done if needed. Vice Chair Morris stated that the price will be the same as last year.

Clyde Pond/ Ashton Park Updates: N/A

Deer Leap/ Moeckel Pond Updates:

The third bid for the stone wall has not yet been submitted. Vice Chair Morris is waiting for this third bid from the Friends of Moeckel Pond.

Fosters Pond/ Greenway Updates:

The Board discussed how dry many of the wetlands are at this time. Vice Chair Morris stated there is a presentation for the CIP for the Greenway Project on August 31st. The Board discussed that the plan was to be able to pave the Greenway.

Rt. 28/Mclvaine Forest Updates:

Chairman Curto stated that someone had reached out about camping in the town forest but there was no follow up on this. The Board discussed that it is mostly Boy Scouts who are interested in camping on Conservation land.

Other Conservation lands and Easements Updates:

Miscellaneous items:

1. **Wildlife study update (Brian & Kara)**
 - a. **Suggest study for all WWPD, WOPD, lakes, ponds and vernal pools owned by Conservation**
 - b. **Do they create a town wide map?**

c. Request from selectman permission to evaluate town owned land (Not in Conservation)

Mr. McFarland stated that he reached out to a handful of groups. There is one person who would be willing to come before the Board in September to discuss the best way to manage these areas. Mr. Bradley asked wetlands can be graded; this is a questions that has come before the Planning Board and doing the wildlife study would be helpful.

Mr. McFarland stated that they did discuss if they catalog the wetland by species or by area. This all depends on the season. Mr. McFarland will follow up and see if this individual would be able to attend one of the September meetings.

2. Master plan

- a. Letters from other boards**
- b. Commission input**
- c. Review previous list**

Chairman Curto stated that he has had a discussion with Matt Rounds, a Planning Board member and each Board or Committee has been asked to hold their own public meetings about their portion or chapter of the Master Plan.

Vice Chair Morris stated that he called the New Hampshire Conservation Commission. Vice Chair Morris stated that it is necessary to go before the Board of Selectmen to ask for any land donation.

Meeting Minutes Review and Approve: [7/14/2022, 7/28/2022, 8/11/2022](#)

Motion for public are on attached drafts.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Morris to seal the non-public minutes for a period of 1 year. Seconded by Mr. McFarland. Vote 5-0. Motion passes.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Morris to approve the July 14th draft minutes as presented. Seconded by Mr. Specian. Vote 3-0-2. Mr. McFarland and Mr. Bradley abstained. Motion passes.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Morris to approve the July 28th draft minutes as presented. Seconded by Mr. Bradley. Vote 5-0. Motion passes.

ZBA: N/A

PB:

2022-26 – 202 Range Rd (Parcel 21-C-85); Major WPOD; Zone – Residential District A; Watershed Protection Overlay District (WPOD)

The applicant Benchmark LLC, representing property owner Edward Richards, is applying to construct a new four (4) bedroom Single Family Dwelling with on-site septic.

The Board reviewed the plan. The Board discussed the potential wetlands in the area and where run off might flow in proximity to the wetlands and pond in the area. The Board would like to see more information on the plan as well as a presentation by the applicant.

Intent to Cut Applications: N/A

DES Permits & Correspondence:

- 20 First Street: Shoreland Permit Application

The Board reviewed the Shoreland application. The Board would like more information prior to signing the application dated August 3, 2022. The Board would like to hear from the applicant regarding the application.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Morris to adjourn at 8:16pm. Seconded by Mr. Bradley. Vote 5-0. Motion passes.

Respectfully submitted by Anitra Lincicum