

**LANCASTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING
September 9, 2019**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Allan Ryder, Kim Votta, Alan Carr, John Accardi and Rob Christie.

ALSO PRESENT: Ben Oleson

ABSENT: Bob Elwell and Leon Rideout

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman John Accardi.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Accardi advised that Bob Elwell has resigned from the Conservation Commission. All present expressed their appreciation for the years he spent on the commission.

Suggestion for a new member – David Falkenham. J Accardi will talk to him about it.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tabled from last month because there was not a quorum.

Moved by A Carr and seconded by K Votta to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2019 meeting.

Motion carried

APPOINTMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A public hearing to discuss the use of the town forest was held at 6:00 pm prior to this meeting. There will be another public on Saturday Sept 14, 2019 at 9:00 am.

OTHER BUSINESS

Rules of Procedure Draft

Conservation Commission members received a draft copy (worked on at August meeting) to review prior to this meeting. Draft contains statutory requirements for the commission. This is a starting point and can be changed/edited at any time. Thanks to Kim for all her work.

Moved by A Ryder and seconded by A Carr to adopt the Conservation Commission Rules of Procedure for the Town of Lancaster as currently written.

Motion carried.

Review current and/or pending applications, projects, and NHDES and NHDOT matters

William Greene – Forest Notification (NHDES) – R6, Lot 50 Lost Nation Road.

Regarding crossing wetlands. Request has been approved.

Treasurer's Report

Only change clerk fees.

Discussion Topic for next meeting

Need to prepare a budget for next year. Budget should include, clerk fees, any town forest expenditures, clerical expenses, projects for next year, dues, Barry Conservation Camp, workshops and mileage.

According to the 2017 audit the Conservation Commission had \$16,759 in its account at the end of 2017. \$3,018 was spent in 2018. Need to know net income and expenses in 2018.

Conservation Commission receives 10% of the land use change taxes. That percentage can be increased if needed at some point by warrant article.

Calendar and Planning Cycle

Next study topic – Budget.

Suggestion for a study topic – how other Conservation Commissions in surrounding towns conduct business. All of them meet once a month. Lancaster CC members could attend one of the meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

Easement Monitoring Schedule

A representative from OSI (Office of Strategic Initiatives) visited Lancaster and walked the easements that her office holds.

At the October meeting a date will be chosen to conduct the easement monitoring. It will be done in two groups and in one day.

Need to add Haslanger easement to schedule for monitoring. Property abuts the Tom Southworth property. Need to find out who holds the easement – it may be the town.

Town Forest Plan Expansion Plan

No need to act on it now. There is plenty of time to think about it and discuss it.

Next meeting – October 14th.

Moved by K Votta and seconded by A Ryder to adjourn the meeting.

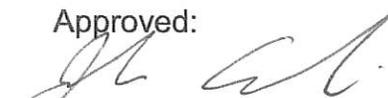
Motion carried - meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Jean Oleson



Clerk

Approved:



John Accardi, Chairman