

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

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Ben Oleson, Don Frenette

**ABSENT:** Leon Rideout

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

R Christie reviewed/summarized the November minutes for all present.

Moved by A Ryder and seconded by A Carr to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2019 meeting.

Motion carried

A Ryder introduced Don Frenette to board members. Mr Frenette attended the meeting as a possible new member to replace Bob Elwell who recently resigned.

**APPOINTMENTS**

None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

**OTHER BUSINESS**

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

Wetlands application for permit from DES – Indian Brook Crossing Engineering Project, Lot 43, Map P-3. A culvert replacement under Country Village Drive. The Conservation Commission can submit input if they so desire. The full set of plans are on file in town office.

Treasurer's Report

Total expenditures since last month's meeting - \$429.23. Leaving a balance of \$778.62. Expenses \$174.40 were reimbursed to R Christie (NH Assoc of CC conference), \$200.00 (NH Assoc of CC dues) and clerk fees.

Budget Planning for 2020 – report

Natural resources inventory – K Votta spoke with 3 consultants. Rick Vanderpoll gave her an estimate of \$5000 to provide basic maps, an inventory of the resources and a written report. Jeff Littleton provided a quote of \$6,000 - \$10,000. The third person has not responded yet. The inventory needs to be done in order to be in compliance with Statutory requirements.

A Ryder and R Christie presented the Conservation Commission's proposed 2020 budget to the Board of Selectmen. The budget consisted of \$5500 level funding plus \$5000 for a Natural resource's Inventory plus \$5000 for town forest expenses (preparation for town forest harvest in a couple of years).

R Christie advised that there is about \$6,000 to \$10,000 in the Conservation Fund. Should money from that fund be used for preparation of harvest or should it be from a warrant article? Proceeds from a town forest harvest goes into the fund for town forest expenses.

Board Vacancy

D Frenette is interested in filling the vacant position. He is a professional forester.

Moved by K Votta and seconded by A Ryder to recommend D Frenette as a Conservation Commission member replacing B Elwell.

Motion carried.

R Christie will prepare a letter of recommendation to be sent to the Board of Selectmen requesting the appointment of Mr Frenette.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Easement Monitoring Schedule and updates

A Ryder provided pictures from the easements that were inspected – 2.33 acres by the town water plant, the Smith farm, Southworth (13 acres South side of Pleasant Valley Road) and the Haslanger property.

At the Smith farm there was a logging operation going on without proper DES permits. That will be taken care of by the landowner. The CC should see the management plan. The landowner is required to have a best management practices plan on file in order to be in compliance with the easement. J Accardi will contact the landowner. The Christie easement property, current owners are Eurydice Hersey and Barry Roth was completed by R Christie and Amanda Hollenbeck from OSI in May. R Christie will write the reports for all the easement monitoring.

It was clarified that easements are held by the town, not the state. The State will be sent copies of the reports.

A courtesy copy of the reports will be sent to the landowners.

**Next meeting – January 13, 2020.**

B Oleson reported that information gathered from the public hearings to discuss the town forest will be used to create a recreation chapter for the Town Forest Management Plan and the Master Plan. The CC role in the project is advisory.

Moved by A Ryder and seconded by A Carr to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried - meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Jean Oleson

  
Clerk

Approved:

  
John Accardi, Chairman