

**LANCASTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING
March 9, 2020**

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

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

Moved by R Christie and seconded by A Carr to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2020 meeting.

Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

OTHER BUSINESS

Review current and/or pending: applications, projects, NHDES and NHDOT matters: Notification of culvert approval on Country Village Road.

Conservation Scholarships: R Christie stated that he has reached out to several conservation camps but has not received any responses. He said he contacted Mike Berry, WMRHS principal, and Mr Berry offered a couple names.

Treasurer's Report: R Christie advised that the only expenditure has been \$120 for Conservation scholarship ads.

Training Topic(s)/Materials: R Christie provided a meeting attendance record for Conservation Commission meetings through Feb 2020. He noted that the Commission By-Laws state that if a member misses 5 meetings or 3 meetings in a row then notice of non-compliance should be sent to the Board of Selectmen. Leon Rideout, Selectmen's Rep, has missed a total of 8 meetings.

Connecticut River Joint Commissions: River LACs (Local Advisory Committee) – R Christie advised that there are 2 slots available on the commission for the Town of Lancaster – he is filling one slot. Need to find another representative. There is a chance to get grant money through this committee.

Town Forest Update: none

R Christie noted that any revenue from a timber cut in the town forest is required to be placed in a special fund to be used for the town forest. He suggested that it may be possible to use said money for the Col Town Community Camp. He has been investigating that possibility.

OLD BUSINESS

Easement Monitoring updates: Smith, 2019 Reports – J Accardi voiced concerns over the Smith easement monitoring report. He said he was not placing blame on anyone and he himself was guilty of not reviewing the report more thoroughly before it became final. He said he has been made aware of some errors in the report. He suggested that in the future the reports should be reviewed thoroughly. He noted 3 issues written in the report that were incorrect. It was suggested that a document be prepared addressing the errors and filed with the report and sent to the land owner. K Votta suggested, for the future, breaking out concerns, interpretations and violations and addressing them individually. All agreed that before the next easement monitoring the committee should develop a process.

R Christie reported that all easements have been properly updated with the current owners, acreage etc.

Natural Resources Inventory proposals and RFP plan: Report in April

Water Resources Celebration: Party at the water plant, Tim Bilodeau is on board with the celebration. Best time will be in the Fall. Will work on plans for that event.

Next meeting – April 13, 2020.

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

Motion carried - meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Jean Oleson

Approved:

Clerk

John Accardi, Chairman