

**LANCASTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING
February 10, 2020**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Ben Oleson

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 A Ryder and seconded by A Carr to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2020 meeting with the change on page 2 under Budget Committee meeting to omit "and \$5,000 town forest expenses"

Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS/APPLICATIONS/PROJECTS

None

OTHER BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report

We have spent since the last meeting one clerk fee for \$50-something and one newspaper advertisement for conservations scholarship for \$100-something. Technically we are now operating under the fiscal year 2020 which is also the calendar year starting Jan. 1st, even though the operating budget is not approved; but is expected to be at Town Meeting on March 10th.

Calendar and Planning Cycle

Town Forest Harvest – R Christie asked if it would be appropriate to use funds from the pending Town Forest timber harvest to cover some renovations at the Col. Town Community Camps and if the 60 acres and camps were technically part of the Town Forest? It was brought up that Col. Town had their own fiscal budget, but it could be further discussed in the future.

Water Resources Celebration – R Christie spoke with Tim Bilodeau, Supervisor of the Water & Sewer Department and he is in favor of it. Tim mentioned he would love to show it off and that not many people were aware of what goes on. Ideally a date in late summer or fall and it could be expanded to other town sites (grange station, pump station, reservoir, etc.) and could include refreshments, entertainment and displays.

Natural Resource Inventory

A slide presentation was done by B. Oleson and R Christie explaining some ins and outs of a natural resource inventory which is a requirement by NH RSA 36 – A:12. The different slides

(47 in total) explained the Who, Why & How and different components (maps, data, reports) and also showed examples of different projects in several towns in NH.

B Oleson gave each member a thumb drive of a June 16, 2003 report done by Watershed to Wildlife (Elise Lawson & John Severance) titled *GIS Development of Natural Resources along the Connecticut River Byway for the Town of Lancaster – Report Prepared for The Connecticut River Joint Commission and Reviewed by The Lancaster Conservation Commission*. The report included various maps which B Oleson had scanned and enlarged.

The Lancaster Conservation Commission will need to update our Natural Resource Inventory to be in line with our statutory requirements and K Votta will work on a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) or Request for Proposal (RFP) for this and work with Ben Oleson. Timeline for finalizing a Request will be in April 2020, so we can get it out to interested parties shortly after. Then to pick the person or company to produce the report, so we can have it completed and in hand by Dec. 1, 2020. We are looking to get it done in the \$5,000 range.

Current Events

May 30th in Concord there is a Planning and Zoning Conference being held with different topics being covered. Keep this date in mind and a final agenda of the topics will be available in the near future. Should any member decide to attend, please try to carpool with other Town Board members.

Easement Monitoring Reports

R. Christie has drafted the reports of the site visits he did with A Ryder and will finalize them for distribution to the State and Town of Lancaster.

Connecticut River Joint Commission

R. Christie has been appointed on this Commission filling a vacancy by Bob Elwell's resignation. There is another vacancy on this Commission as well.

Other Business

R Christie did a thank you letter to Bob Elwell for his long-term past membership on the Lancaster Conservation Commission, which everybody signed their names. Thank you to Rob for doing that letter.

Next meeting – Monday, March 9, 2020 (which is the day after Daylight Savings time begins and the day before Lancaster Town Meeting).

Moved by R Christie and seconded by J Accardi to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried – meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Allan Ryder

Acting

Clerk

Approved:

John Accardi, Chairman

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