

**LANCASTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING
January 11, 2021**

Meeting conducted via ZOOM.

Meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm by A Ryder.

Apologies to those trying to connect @ 6:30pm, we were experiencing technical difficulties.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Roll call was taken.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alan Carr, Don Frenette, Leo Enos, Allan Ryder and Rob Christie

OTHERS PRESENT: No others present in person or via Zoom.

A. Ryder read the following:

This meeting is being held in an emergency status due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Under emergency circumstances, the meeting is being held via a videoconference exchange. This will allow for the Committee to discuss and deliberate items contemporaneously and allow for public participation and engagement as permitted. All votes will be by roll call.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by A Carr and seconded by A. Ryder to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2020 meeting

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Appointments: None

Select board Report: L. Enos (Selectboard Rep. and Budget Committee member)

Town Forest – L. Enos reported that the Town received Intent to Cut from Timberwolf Logging for planned Winter harvest on the Town Forest.

LCC Budget – L. Enos reported that the LLC budget of +/- \$6500 was received by the town, and is subject for review and approval at the upcoming budget hearing on Wed. Jan 13, 2021. L. Enos felt the budget figure was supported by the Selectboard and Budget Committee.

Conservation Fund – A. Ryder met with Town Manager Ed Sampson to discuss the status of the Conservation Fund. E. Sampson provided A. Ryder with Audit reports from several years. A. Ryder will review and report back to the board.

Discussion of Recent Resignations – L. Enos led a discussion prompted by the recent resignation of Jean Oleson as LCC Clerk. He questioned if R.Christie was given the authority by the board to seek information from the Town on the status of various Funds believed to be under the authority of the LCC. He also questioned R.Christie's means to seek that information, which he believes led to J. Oleson's resignation. Lengthy discussion ensued, R Christie stated that he had informed the board of his actions and did not require the authorization from the board to carry out those actions due to his position as LCC Treasurer. Further discussion ensued regarding the structure of the commission and LLC Policies and Procedures.

A. Ryder closed the discussion and reminded the board that we need to focus on the future.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

Letter of resignation received from Jean Oleson, resigning as LLC Clerk.

Treasurer's Report – R Christie

\$502.75 spent for printing copies of the NRI. \$2000 Scholarship to be awarded pending board approval. This should close out 2020's budget.

Calendar and Planning Cycle:

Discussion of Warrant Article to Create "official" Town Forest. No actions taken.

Education Budget

One application received for the \$2000 scholarship. College Transcripts submitted by the applicant and reviewed by the board. A. Carr moved to award the scholarship. L. Enos seconded, A. Ryder amended motion to include posting of an article in the local paper. Motion carried by Roll Call vote.

Letter of Appreciation: John Accardi

A Ryder circulated a Letter of Appreciation which was signed by all in attendance for J. Accardi's long service to the board. R. Christie noted that we should include a copy of the recently printed NRI as further acknowledgement of J. Accardi's service to the LCC.

Draft annual report to Town

Brief discussion. L. Enos stated that it is due to on or before January 20, 2021. R.Christie is working on completing.

Nomination recommendations

Tabled

OLD BUSINESS

Easement Monitoring Reports

R. Christie will compile the reports required by the State.

OTHER BUSINESS

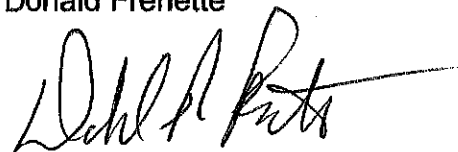
Distribution of NRI Hard copies/Web link – brief discussion on where to distribute hard copies of NRI.

Libraries/Schools/relevant Town Boards . . . In lieu of hard copies inform folks that a web link to the NRI is available on the Town's website.

Moved by L. Enos and seconded by A Carr to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried by roll call vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Donald Frenette



Acting Clerk

Approved:



Allan Ryder, Chairman