

LANCASTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION (LCC) MEETING MINUTES

Lancaster Town Hall Second Floor - April 11, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sam Mayne, Racheal Stuart, Nancy Southworth, Troy Merner

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kathy-Jean Lavoie, Kim Votta

OTHERS PRESENT: Barbara Payer, Clerk

Stuart called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Stuart introduced minutes for March 14, 2022 meeting. Southworth made a motion to accept the minutes as written, and Mayne seconded. *The motion carried unanimously.*

ARM Fund Application Update provided by Stuart and Mayne.

Discussion centered around updates regarding the possibility of NH Fish and Game holding the easement on the town forest, improving the existing trails through the wetlands, and moving forward on the current application. Southworth questioned whether allowing hunting would create a safety hazard for walkers and hikers. It was agreed that signage would be useful to notify all users about hunting activity. Merner made a motion to approve the application going forward. Southworth seconded. *The motion carried unanimously.*

Update on additional easement discussions led by Southworth. Southworth presented an update on conversations underway with a about a potential new conservation easement. She has approached the owner; additional exploratory discussions will take place in the coming weeks.

Eversource D-142 Line Three Week Look Ahead (TWLA): Stuart provided the latest schedule, noting Eversource is not currently working in the wetlands near the Town Forest.

Brainstorm skills for LCC membership: Discussion centered on an interest in bringing in younger residents and the importance of community connections to broaden outreach. Stuart noted that this is a hands-on commission, so we want to ensure any new members understand that and are ready to pitch in. Commissioners will send names of potential new members to Stuart for discussion at the May meeting.

Nomination of officers for 2022: Southworth made a motion to elect Racheal Stuart as Chair, Kathy-Jean Lavoie as Treasurer, and Kim Votta as Vice Chair. Merner seconded. *The motion carried unanimously.*

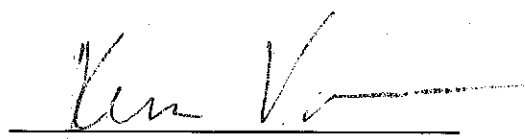
Treasurer's Report: Budget update 2022 was presented to members

Noting that there was no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Merner to adjourn the meeting. Mayne seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Payer, clerk

Approved May 9, 2022


Racheal Stuart, Chair


Kim Votta, Vice Chair