

**LANCASTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING
March 8, 2021**

Meeting conducted via ZOOM.

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by A Ryder.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Roll call was taken.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Frenette, Leo Enos, Allan Ryder (via Zoom), Rob Christie, Margaret Hobbs, Eric Livingstone

Members Absent: A. Carr

OTHERS PRESENT: John Garrison – Lancaster Resident.

R.Christie 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.

INTRODUCTIONS Welcome to new members Margaret Hobbs, and Eric Livingstone. A round of introductions was made by all present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by L. Enos and seconded by R. Christie to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2021 meeting.

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Appointments: None

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

Selectboard reviewed, approved, and appointed two new members to the Conservation Commission. Margaret Hobbs and Eric Livingstone. Both submitted letters of interest and were recommended by the Lancaster CC.

L. Enos will not be seeking re-election to the Selectboard and announced that this will be his last meeting as Selectboard representative. He noted he is interested in continuing to serve on the Conservation Commission and will submit a letter of interest to the Selectboard.

R. Christie thanked L. Enos for his service to the Commission and his representation of the LCC in Selectboard meetings.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

R Christie reported that the LCC received a preliminary copy of a Dredge & Fill Permit application from DES on Water Street. The comment period had lapsed so no action was taken.

Treasurer's Report – R Christie

Two Items – Conservation Fund balance year end 2019 ~ \$16,667, Anticipated 2020 deposit from Land Use Change Tax ~ \$1,400 for a total balance of ~ \$18,067 Year End 2020.

LCC Budget for 2021 ~ \$5,600

Town Forest Update

A Ryder reported that he spoke with Greg Ainsworth regarding the Town Forest Harvest.

Due to the relatively late start in February and apparent warming trend, it is unlikely that the harvest will be completed this winter. Approximately half of the anticipated income will be realized (+-\$10,000 - \$15,000) . . . the contractor will plan on completing the harvest in the Winter of 2022.

Portland Pipeline Project Wetlands Mitigation Fund

A.Ryder following up on last month's discussion on wetlands projects that might qualify for mitigation dollars resulting from the Portland Pipeline stream stabilization project. Indian Stream was brought up again. D. Frenette mentioned he found a 1975 vintage NRCS (Soil Conservation Service) plan

that addressed this particular stream. D. Frenette will attempt to locate and distribute that plan.
R. Christie mentioned development of the ROW from Page Hill Rd to the Town Forest Lot might also be a project to consider.

Clerk Vacancy: A. Ryder asked if anybody had suggestions for an individual who might be interested in serving as the Clerk for the LCC. It is a no-voting, paid position. (\$50/meeting). Clerk is responsible for keeping minutes of the meetings, preparing the draft minutes, and distributing minutes to LCC members and the Town Clerk. M.Hobbs suggested contacting Christine Roy of Lancaster for the position. A. Ryder will contact Christine Roy regarding the vacancy.

Expiring Terms

The terms of two of the LLC members are expiring in March 2021. A. Carr expressed an interest in continuing to serve on the LLC. D. Frenette will not be seeking re-appointment. It is customary that new appointments to the commission are made at the first selectboard meeting following the Town Meeting. Typically, any member seeking re-appointment is approved. Assuming A.Carr will be re-appointed this leaves one vacancy on the LCC. Any recommendations from the LCC for filling the vacancy will be addressed at the April 12, 2020 meeting.

Review of Bylaws, Election of Officers

Planned for the April 12, 2020 meeting

Moved by L. Enos and seconded by M. Hobbs to adjourn the meeting.

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

~~Donald Frenette~~

Approved:

~~Allan Ryder, RC~~

~~Acting Clerk KC~~

~~RC~~

print name
LCC Commissioner

12 April 2021

Eric S. Livingstone

Rob Christie

Acting Chair 12 April 2021