# **Town of Plaistow**

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## **Conservation Commission**

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# **Meeting Minutes**

September 05, 2019 7:00 PM Second Floor, Town Hall

- 1. Meeting opening: At 7:02 PM by Jill Senter
- 2. Roll call: Present: Timothy Moore, Jill Senter, Charles Blinn, Olaf Westphalen, David Averill

Excused:

- 3. A. Approval of 6/20/19 minutes: Motion to approve by David Averill, second by Olaf Westphalen. No discussion. Vote -5-0-0.
- 3. B. Approval of 7/18/19 minutes: Motion to approve by David Averill, second by Olaf Westphalen. No discussion. Vote -5-0-0.
- 3. C. Approval of 8/1/19 minutes: Motion to approve by David Averill, second by Olaf Westphalen. No discussion. Vote -5-0-0.
- 4. Discussion/workshop items
  - Review 88 Plaistow amended site plan

Mike Malenowski - Allen & Major presented the amended site plan that is now proposed to be a 2-story building with self-storage units as well as 3 additional single-story storage units.

There is a reduced wetlands impact where the storage units are located which allowed for a better design for the wetlands crossing of the driveway even though there will be increase of 700 square feet of wetlands disturbance at the crossing. The Conservation Commission still supports the requested Conditional Use Permit.

The roof drainage from all the storage buildings will now drain to the paved area where it will all be collected, treated and discharged.

Mr. Malenowski also pointed out that there will be no access behind the "L-shaped" building which will remove any temptations to dump trash behind the building and into the wetlands.

Tim to write letter to Planning Board stating that Mr. Malenowski did present the amended site plan to the Conservation Commission.

• The updated Rules of Procedure were reviewed and adopted. There are still of few dates missing, such as when the 36-A Conservation fund was established, which will be filled in at a later date. All substantive information is included in the update that was reviewed.

# • Town Forest trail plan

Jill talked to Charlie Marino was and he relayed to Jill that he was all set to go with new plan implementation but was waiting on the trail planning to be completed before he started work.

Brent Ebner, from Hampstead and who has done a tremendous job of improving and creating trails in the Town Forest was at the meeting and commented that the people submitting the proposals were slightly biased towards environmental concerns and not necessarily the concerns of trail bikers who also use the trails.

Snow Hawk, LLC. submitted a trail planning proposal. Matt Caron: NEMBA submitted a trail planning proposal and his contact information follows: phone: 603-321-8736, email:mtriple@gmail.com

The Commission reviewed both trail plan submittals and felt the plan submitted from Snow Hawk, LLC. was best plan that met our needs and budget. Jill will work towards getting a contract signed with Snow Hawk, LLC.

### 5. Old Business

- Town Forest Discussion included as a workshop item.
  - Forest Management Plan
  - o Status 3-town trail map

#### 6. New Business

- Next meeting: October 3, 2019
- First Thursday of the month causes problems with getting comments to the ZBA –
  change meeting date if possible or call special meetings as required to get info to
  ZBA? Decision was to call a special meeting for the third Thursday of the month,
  if needed.
- Each fall the Pollard School Fifth Graders take a trip to Mt. Major. It provides a good learning experience in observing the flora and fauna of the Mt. Major area, as well as plenty of exercise in climbing the mountain. For several years, the Conservation Commission has made a donation to help offset the cost of the bus and voted to do so again this year. Dave Averill made a motion to contribute \$499

to the Mt Major trip. Olaf Westphalen made the second. There was no discussion, the motion carried in a 5-0-0 vote.

- The 2020 budget was also discussed with the following amounts in each of the line items:
  - Secretaries Salary \$1000. The increased amount will be to hire a minute taker for the Conservation Commission meetings.
  - Water sampling \$6000. This item remains level funded.
  - Dues to the NH Association of Conservation Commissions: \$500. A slight increase to offset a possible increase in the dues.
  - o General supplies \$1500. This item remains level funded.
  - o Forest Maintenance \$2500. The increased amount will be for implementation or partial implementation of the final trail plan
  - o Mileage \$50. This item is level funded.

### 7. Communications

- Review any new mail in mail folder
- 8. Meeting adjournment 8:53

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy E. More
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Secretary, Plaistow Conservation Commission