

## **Town of Plaistow**

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## **Conservation Commission**

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# **Meeting Minutes**

October 03, 2019

7:00 PM

Second Floor, Town Hall

1. Meeting opening: At 7:02 PM by Jill Senter
2. Roll call: Present: Tim Moore, Jill Senter, Charles Blinn, John Blinn (Selectmen's Representative), Olaf Westphalen, Dave Averill (arrived at 7:15)  
Excused:
3. Approval of September 05, 2019 minutes: Motion to approve by Olaf Westphalen, second by Charles Blinn. No discussion. Vote: 4-0-0. David Averill not yet present.
4. Discussion/workshop items:
  - Forest Management Plan – implementation in compartment 2
    - Should contact a licensed contractor about the invasive species. Not in Compartment 2. Probably a day's worth of work. Jill will present FMP update to BOS for approval. Remaining problem with road – Carleton Path. Logging operations may pay for road improvements. Amount of logging to just break even with cost.
    - Motion to accept Marino's work agreement and take funds from the Conservation Fund made by Olaf Westphalen, second by Charles Blinn. Vote 4-1-0. David Averill opposed.
  - Trail plan proposal
    - Motion to accept the SnowHawk trail proposal and take the money (\$4125) from the Conservation Fund by Olaf Westphalen, second by Charles Blinn. Vote: 5-0-0.
    - Special meeting may be needed to discuss the trail plan only and would be scheduled for 10/17/19 with a back-up date – 10/24/19.
  - Cab Vinton, Library Director, presented a proposal for a stone wall along Main St. on the Library property that would be integrated with a new proposed library sign. Conservation Commission had no problems with the stone wall. Cab also

presented a plan for a possible walking path and landscaping plan. The plan is to be part of the library's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

- Prime wetlands – Previously two companies/consultants responded to an RFP to review Plaistow's wetlands and identify those that could be designated as prime wetlands: GZA (\$21,000) and Mark West (\$19,000). Both have been asked to update their previous quotes. Jill Senter talked to Francine Hart who thought that the BOS would support the prime wetlands identification.

#### 5. Old Business

- Pollard school – The Mt. Major trip had to be cancelled because there were not enough bus drivers and busses to get the fifth graders to Mt Major and back in time to complete the afternoon school routes. The trip was changed to go just to Pawtuckaway State Park at a cost of \$375. The Commission will still support the revised trip.

#### 6. New Business

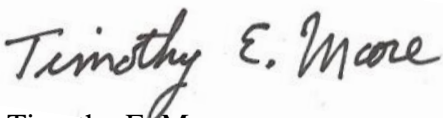
- Review mail in mail folder
  - Registration open for 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting – NHACC – Saturday November 2, 2019 at Pembroke Academy
  - NHDES Wetland Permit Application – Emergency culvert replacement on Smith Corner Rd. Copy of permit is an FYI. Work completed in August.
- Kevin McCurley – might be interested in being an alternate member if he feels he can make valued contributions. Has some ideas about the Town Forest as a larger ecosystem. He feels that some meadow areas would help wildlife. Blandings turtles in particular need sandy shores. Will try to get together and potentially work on a wildlife management plan for the Town Forest.

#### 7. Communications

- NHMA Fall Conference: One of the sessions is regarding the new wetlands rules; – Jill asked if any interest in attending.

#### 8. Meeting adjournment: Jill adjourned meeting at 8:22 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Timothy E. Moore  
Secretary, Plaistow Conservation Commission