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Conservation Commission

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Meeting Minutes

September 7, 2023

7:00 PM

Second Floor, Town Hall

1. Meeting opening: At 7:02 PM by Jill Senter
2. Roll call: Present: Jill Senter, Tim Moore, Charles Blinn, Tammy Bergeron (Selectmen's Representative), Olaf Westphalen, David Averill
Excused: Darrel Britton (Selectmen's Alternate Representative)
3. Review/approval of minutes
 - Motion to approve 5/04/23 minutes by David Averill, second by Jill Senter. No further discussion. Vote 5-0-0.
4. Workshops/discussion topics
 - Guest Paul Wainwright – A member of the Atkinson Conservation Commission which has 7 members and 3 alternate members. Paul is also a director of the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC). Paul is expected to become Vice Chair in at the NHACC's November Annual Meeting. David Carroll will be the Keynote Speaker. The meeting to be held on the first Saturday in November will have six breakout sessions. Paul extended an invitation to all members of the Plaistow Conservation Commission.
5. Old Business
 - Prime wetlands update - Tim Moore. Mark West stated he should finish the final report and wetland map work completed by September 20, 2023. The project is on schedule for the November 9th public hearing.
 - Town Forest Update – Jill Senter. Jill has been working with SELT to point out that it is beyond our control (Conservation Commission & Brent Ebner of Hampstead who has spent a huge amount of time to build and maintain trails and trail maps). SELT will provide additional resources and request that the Town issue a notice that violators may face legal action including being fined.

6. New Business

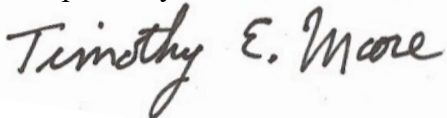
- Next meeting date (Prime Wetlands Public Hearing) – November 9, 2023
- The Pollard 5th Graders will again try to hike Mt. Major and are asking if the Conservation Commission could help offset the cost of the trip. David Averill made a motion to contribute up to \$850 for the trip. Olaf Westphalen made the second. No further discussion. Vote 5-0-0.
- The Boy Scouts will be in the Town Forest on September 30, 2023, from 9:00 to 11:00 AM, rain or shine. The event will also be advertised on cable 16.
- Kevin McCurley stated the Town Forest trails need more maintenance. He also stated his belief that some portion of the Town Forest should be converted to a meadow which would diversify wildlife and habitats.

7. Communications

- Review information in the Conservation Commission mail folder – No further information.

8. Meeting adjournment: At 8:05 PM by Jill Senter

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Timothy E. Moore". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'T' and 'M'.

Timothy E. Moore
Secretary, Plaistow Conservation Commission