

## **Town of Plaistow**

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## **Conservation Commission**

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# **Meeting Minutes**

February 18, 2020

6:30 PM

Second Floor, Town Hall

1. Meeting opening: At 6:40 PM by Tim Moore
2. Roll call: Present: Tim Moore, Charles Blinn, John Blinn (Selectmen's Representative), Olaf Westphalen, David Averill  
Excused: Jill Senter
3. Review/approval of minutes - postponed
4. Workshops/discussion topics  
Lew Shelley from SnowHawk LLC presented his final report that showed various trail maps and trail points with pictures. The Conservation Commission will review the report and propose a final set of trails that has consensus among the trail stakeholders and Southeast Land Trust (SELT). SELT is the owner of the Town Forest Conservation Easement.  
At a previous review of the Town Forest Conservation Easement, SELT expressed their concern that too many trails were being constructed in the Town Forest with many of them intruding into wetlands and located in several wet spots which is also a safety hazard for hikers slipping on the trails. SELT suggested that the Conservation Commission meet with various trail stakeholders to come up with a plan to reduce some of the trails, make sure trails are not infringing into wetlands, to make sure all trails are located out of low, wet spots and to leave as many large tracts of land undisturbed for wildlife habitat.  
Deborah Goard from SELT reminded the group that the primary purpose of easement is wildlife management, forest management, wetlands preservation as well as passive recreation (hiking, mountain biking, no motorized vehicles).
5. Old Business
  - None

6. New Business

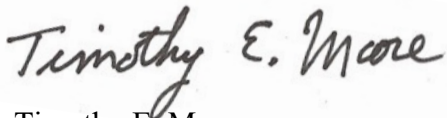
- Next meeting date – March 5, 2020

7. Communications

- Review information in the Conservation Commission mail folder – nothing new requiring action.

8. Meeting adjournment: At 9:05 PM by Tim Moore

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