BELMONT CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Location:

Belmont Mill, Tioga Conference Room and Remotely by Zoom
Belmont, New Hampshire

Present:

Chair Pauline Tessier, Vice Chair: Denise Naiva
Members: Ed Stephenson, Tyson Morrill, Jane Jordan, Sharon Ciampi
Alternate Members: None Present
Student Members: None Present

Zoom Attendance:

None

Absent:

Members: Tom Ceniglio

Staff:

Roderick Cameron, Land Use Technician
John Crowley, Land Use Clerk

Call to Order:

Pauline Tessier called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Membership:

P. Tessier stated that there are three (3) Alternate Member Vacancies.

Minutes:

P. Tessier asked for a motion to accept the May 7th Meeting Minutes with the following correction: Denise Naiva had her fundraiser at the Pavilion, not her home on May 17th. J. Jordan made a motion to accept the corrected minutes and E. Stephenson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Conservation Properties Updates:

- **Town Forest:**
  P. Tessier and D. Naiva did an evening walk through the Town Forest on May 14th. The following are their observations:
  - the pond bridge needs the railings and the decking repaired. An evaluation of the structure should be performed and replacing the bridge may be necessary;
  - access ramps on either side of the bridge would make the structure accessible;
  - invasive bittersweet was observed along the trail that could be managed by pulling;
  - the entrance kiosk has significant moss growth on the roof;
  - the Jeff Marden Town Forest entrance sign has significant rot on the upper third. Replacing the sign is recommended;
  - the pond water elevation is high due to the recent rain. The water is clear;
  - the trail from the main parking lot to the pond has a depressed area that collects water. Filling the depression

with gravel or a similar treatment is recommended;

- the stone bench by the pond needs to be cleaned.

- **Signage:**
  P. Tessier reported on the continued problem with overnight parking and trash dumping at the Tioga River Wildlife & Conservation parking area off of Route 140 - Depot Street and the need for regulatory signage. She showed examples of suggested signage and a quote for two signs, posts and hardware from Mike Conrad, WorkSafe Traffic Control Industries who provides signs to the Town of Belmont Public Works Department. T. Morrill made a motion to purchase a 'No Dumping' and a 'No Overnight Parking' signs for a cost not to exceed $50.00. J. Jordan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Old Business:

- **Discuss Rules of Procedure**
  P. Tessier initiated the discussion to review and approve the Rules of Administrative Procedure. After a brief discussion and suggestions for some minor edits, J. Jordan made a motion to accept the Rules of Administrative Procedure with the corrections and S. Ciampi seconded the motion. The motion passed. R. Cameron was asked to make any necessary formatting changes and distribute the final document to the commission members.

Budget Expenditure:

Nothing to report.

Fund Raising:

P. Tessier acknowledged the contribution of D. Naiva raising $130.00 for the scholarship program.

Silver Lake:

P. Tessier stated that they receive the milfoil mapping from the State and they may begin milfoil treatment 2 weeks. She mentioned that the lake level remains high and the 'No Wake' ban has been lifted for now.

Winnisquam Watershed Network:

E. Stephenson stated things have been relatively quiet on Lake Winnisquam. However, he noted that the boat ramp has been busy.

New Business:

- P. Tessier asked for some volunteers to help with activities for Old Home Day on August 9th. J. Jordan offered to help during the morning. P. Tessier and D. Naiva said that they would help out during the day.

- D. Naiva mentioned that she would like the FB page up and running. P. Tessier will check with Jefferey DeFrancesco and see what has to be done to move forward.

- Pauline stated that there will not be a Conservation Commission meeting in July.

Adjournment:

P. Tessier asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. S. Ciampi made a motion to adjourn and E. Stephenson seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

John Crowley

John Crowley, Land Use Clerk