BELMONT CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday August 13th 2025

Location:

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

Present:

Chair Pauline Tessier,
Members: Ed Stephenson, Jane Jordan, Sharon Ciampi, Tom Ceniglio
Alternate Members: None Present
Student Members: None Present

Zoom Attendance:

None

Absent:

Members: Denise Naiva, Tyson Morrill

Staff:

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

Call to Order:

Pauline Tessier called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Membership:

P. Tessier stated that there are two (2) Alternate Member Vacancies.

Minutes:

P. Tessier asked for a motion to accept the June 11th Meeting Minutes. Ed Stephenson made a motion to accept the Minutes and Sharon Ciampi seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Conservation Properties Updates:

- **Conservation Presentation by Ron Klemarczyk:**

  An informative discussion was presented by Ron Klemarczyk. He spoke on the Sanborn Farm/Pop's Woods Evaluation Report. This was followed by a question and answer session after his presentation. Ron suggested a Field Trip to help members understand his recent report. A date of September 6th at 9 a.m. to meet on Middle Route Road was settled on. Rod Cameron will be preparing some information on the location, date and time.

- **Town Forest:**

  Pauline Tessier mentioned that when she and Denise took their walk through the Town Forest, they noticed that the bridge was in disrepair. Pauline mentioned that someone had fallen through. Rod mentioned that he placed a temporary patch over the area and painted it a fluorescent orange to warn people. Pauline asked if the Commission had monies to fix the area and Rod explained that we have the materials. Pauline asked if this was something that he would like to do? Rod respectfully declined and suggested that perhaps others including volunteers from town could help out. Everyone at the meeting agreed to wait until the weather is cooler and there are less bugs and ticks.

- **Tioga Conservation:**

  Pauline stated that the "No Overnight Parking" and "No Dumping" signs were installed at the Tioga River Wildlife & Conservation Area parking lot off Depot Street (Route 140). There was some damage to the parking lot with ruts caused by the cars being constantly there. Pauline was going to make a call to Pike

Industries and ask for a donation of fill. She will also make a call to the Town DPW and ask for their help getting the fill placed and spread.

- **Currier Sanborn:**

  Pauline mentioned that she had 10 volunteers including five members of the Student Conservation Association sponsored by the Belknap County Conservation District who mechanically remove stands of the invasive Glossy Buckthorn (*Frangula alnus*) to prevent regrowth. The pull plants were stacked in a total of 21 piles and covered with plastic tarps to kill the plant material.

  Pauline mentioned that Jane Jordan, herself and Rod put down pallets to help with walking on the trail to collect last year's tarps that covered piles of pulled Glossy Buckthorn. A local citizen building a house nearby donated some fill (sand) to help fill in some of the wash out at the entrance to the property where people using the Silver Lake Boat Ramp turn around.

- **Winnisquam Watershed Network:**

  Ed Stephenson reported that there was no hatching Loon eggs this season after the work that was done to help the nests. There was some Variable Milfoil (*Myriophyllum heterophyllum)* found in the lake and they were looking into getting rid of that. Ed also stated that the folks on the boat launch were doing well this year washing down their boats to prevent the spread of the invasive aquatic plant.

- **Old Business:**

  Pauline mentioned that the Conservation Committee raised $400.00 for the Jeff Marden Scholarship Fund. Denise raised another $130.00 during her yard sale to total $530.00.

  Pauline wanted to extend a big "Thank You" to Sharon Ciampi for cleaning the bench at the Town Forest Pond. A lot of hard work and the results were great.

New Business:

- Pauline introduced Tabitha Lord, the new alternate member on the Conservation Commission who attended the meeting.

  Several suggestions were made to help get volunteers to help pull invasive plants. Tom Ceniglio asked if an announcement could be made on the FB page. Rod Cameron mentioned if someone has something they would like to put in the Conservation Commission Facebook Page, they can submit it to the Land Use Office for Karen or Rod to review before posting. Also, in addition to that there is a Belmont Newsletter that has a Conservation Commission section that we can post in. Those articles and activities can be submitted to Rod before the 3rd week of the month for review. Sharon Ciampi let everyone know that the schools send out a flyer weekly. It was suggested that this is where we could put in an ad for volunteer help.

  Pauline asked for a motion to reimburse $36.00 to Denise Naiva for expenditures for Old Home Day. Jane Jordan made a motion to reimburse Denise and Ed Stephenson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Adjournment:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

John Crowley

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