BELMONT CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 2nd 2025

Location:
Belmont Mill, Tioga Conference Room, Belmont, New Hampshire and remotely by Zoom
Present:
Members: Chair Denise Naiva, Sharon Ciampi, Pauline Tessier, Tom Ceniglio, Jane Jordan
Alternate Members: None
Zoom Attendance: None
Absent: Ed Stephenson
Students Present: None
Public: Tyson Morrill
Staff:
Roderick Cameron, Land Use Technician
John Crowley, Land Use Clerk

Call to Order:
Denise Naiva called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. She noted that the Conservation Commission has received applications from Tom Ceniglio (alternate member) and Tyson Morrill for full member status on the Commission. The applications have been forwarded to the Board of Selectmen for approval. D. Naiva asked both applicants to introduce themselves to the Commission.

D. Naiva appointed T. Ceniglio as a full member for this meeting in order to have a quorum.

Membership:
There are currently three (3) Alternate Member vacancies

Minutes:
A motion to accept the 02/05/2025 Minutes was made by Pauline Tessier and seconded by T. Ceniglio. A motion to accept the 03/05/2025 Minutes was made by Sharon Ciampi and seconded by P. Tessier.

Conservation Properties Updates:
D. Naiva mentioned that she would like to table the discussion for Properties Updates until we get more members and volunteers involved. A link was opened on the Facebook Page by Jeff DeFrancesco for people to obtain information and sign up for volunteering to walk the properties and also leave comments. D. Naiva stated that she will make sure everyone has the link for Facebook so everyone can have access.

Old Business:
D. Naiva stated that she would like to have more time to review the Rules of Procedure and discuss any changes at the next meeting.

Budget & Expenditures :
Denise stated that she had a meeting with R. Cameron earlier in the day to discuss the Conservation Commission budget. The Default Budget has $1,500.00 for General Expenses and Professional Services. There is also $3,000.00 for the Invasive Species budget item. The Conservation Fund currently has $309,000. D. Naiva asked R. Cameron to determine if the Conservation Commission has a Town Forest Management Fund. R. Cameron reported that there is an account that currently contains $10,439.14 for the management of the Town Forest.

Silver Lake Association:
P. Tessier reported that the Silver Lake Association has obtained a cost estimate for Milfoil treatment of $16,000. She noted that $8,000 would be paid for by the State. She has to wait until May for the final figures. She stated it could be a little more or even a little less depending on the findings.

Winnisquam Watershed Network:

No report. Ed Stephenson who reports on the Winnisquam Watershed Network was not in attendance.

New Business:

- D. Naiva discussed participating in a yard sale to raise money for the Scholarship Fund. She noted that she had some items to sell and would donate the proceeds to the Scholarship Fund. Tom Ceniglio suggested taking photographs of the conservation properties that are suitable for sale to raise money for the Scholarship Fund.
- Denise stated that Jeff DeFrancesco, who managed the Conservation Commission Facebook page, is no longer a member of the Conservation Committee. He is looking for someone to take over the role of Facebook page manager. Tyson Morrill and T. Ceniglio expressed interest in managing the Facebook page.
- Denise brought up the subject of a potential solar project that is proposed in the Town of Belmont.

Old Home Day:

Sharon Ciampi stated that Old Home Day will be made up strictly of all volunteers. Danielle St. Onge, Parks and Recreation Director, held a meeting last week for volunteers. She reported that no one showed up for the meeting and stated that if she does not get any volunteers, Old Home Day activities would be cancelled.

Election of Officers:

Denise stated that she would not be accepting the nomination for Chairman of the Conservation Commission for this coming year. Denise nominated Pauline Tessier for the Chairman position. P. Tessier accepted the nomination and the Commission unanimously voted to approve her nomination. D. Naiva accepted the nomination for Vice-Chairman and the Commission unanimously voted to approve the nomination.

Adjournment:

P. Tessier asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sharon Ciampi made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jane Jordan seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

John Crowley

John Crowley, Land Use Clerk