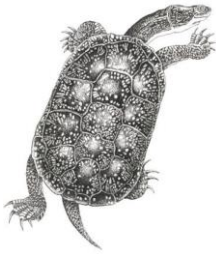


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Minutes of August 10, 2021

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by Chairman Dick de Seve. Those present included Chairman de Seve, Members Sue Hale-de Seve, Paula Gilman, Barry Christensen, Patrick Hackley, Alt. Members Thomas Dombrowski, Soren Denlinger, Ron O'Connor, and along with the Conservation Commission Admin. Bre Daigneault. Member Stephen Hopkins joined via Zoom. There were no members of the public present.

A. Minutes

The minutes of the July 13, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Member Gilman requested the reference of the Temperence Tavern be corrected to Parish Tavern. Member Gilman made the motion to accept the minutes as amended. Member Dombrowski seconded. **Motion passed 6-0**

B. Correspondence/Announcements

- Member Hopkins submitted a request to be re-appointed to the Commission. Chair de Seve would send a positive recommendation to the Selectmen.
- Forest Society has requested monitoring reports for the Cogswell Mountain Conservation Area consisting of the 104-acre Allen parcel and the 189-acre Skantze parcel. Resident Bill Foster had attempted to monitor the properties but had trouble locating the access.
- The Warren Family was requesting recognition of the land donated and merged with the Betty Smithers Town Forest. Member Gilman felt the land should have been left a separate parcel. The land had been merged and would need a subdivision to return it to a separate lot. Members discussed either naming a trail or placing a plaque on the property honoring the family.
- The dedication of the Meeting House barn and trails in honor of Tom Howe and Joe Urner would take place on August 28th.

C. Conservation Easements, Monitoring and Stewardship

- Resident Bill Foster had dropped off some monitoring reports for Jones Farm on Loon Pond Rd, Meadow Pond State Forest, and Pine Hill Town Forest.
- Member Gilman noted the Hawkins Family Forest was not listed on the monitoring list. It is located between the Foss Family Forest and Bingham Farm Conservation Easement. The properties were currently owned by the Forest Society. The Hawkins tract being located on map and lot 418-004 consisting of approximately 20 acres. Member Hale-de Seve would update the monitoring list to include this parcel.

D. Wetlands/Shorelands/Biosolid/Intent-to-Cut/Forestry Notifications/Applications

- Wetlands applications were reviewed for map and lot numbers 134-14 (shoreland- new construction), 122-97 (shoreland- new construction), 421-6 (wetlands crossing), 110-59 (replenish beach sand). Members discussed 426-6 on the corner of South Rd. and Rte. 106. Admin. Daigneault stated the owners are also applying to Planning Board to utilize the lot as a contractor's yard.

E. Review of Invoices/Cost/Budget

- The initial 2022 Budget presentation to the Selectmen will be on Aug 16th. Members reviewed the operating budget and discussed each line item.
- Chair de Seve stated the plaque for the dedication at Meeting House parcel was paid for by Sarah Thorne. He wished to donate half the cost of the plaque. Chair de Seve made the motion to contribute \$300 towards the plaque for the Meeting House parcel to be expended from the grounds line item. Alt. Member Dombrowski seconded. **Motion passed 6-0**

F. Planning Board/Zoning Board Applications

- Zoning applications consisted of building in the road setbacks; one on Crystal Lake Rd, the other on Deer Dr.
- Planning Board applications consisted of the site plan on South Rd previously discussed and a ground mounted solar install on Hall Hills Rd.

G. Complaints/Violations/Concerns

- Alt. Member Dombrowski inquired about a camper that has been placed on a vacant lot on Province Rd across from Stage Rd. A driveway has been cut in and site work is being done within close proximity to wetlands. Admin. Daigneault stated the driveway had been created without a NHDOT driveway permit, the camper was approved to be placed on a different lot and not in the area that it has been placed. She believes DOT was going to call DES wetlands. Chair de Seve had spoken with the owners and stated they would need silt fencing along the wetlands. The owner had put some silt fence up but has not extended as they continue to develop. DOT had issued a temporary driveway permit to allow the owners time to build a driveway in an appropriate area. Admin. Daigneault believes the trailer permit has been revoked. Chair de Seve would return to the property for review.

H. New Business

- Member Christensen was interested in researching grants. It could be done by either deciding on a project and researching what grants may be available or see what grants are available and then find a project that would fit in the grant. Member Hale-de Seve inquired if there were any grants that could help with completing the NRI.

I. Old Business

- Allen Property- Members had not had a chance to walk the property yet. Members Hackley, Gilman, and Dombrowski would attempt to view the property the following week.
- NRI Updates- The commission agreed to focus on the NRI update for the September meeting.

Other- Members Hackley and Hopkins would present the budget and discuss the land use change tax with the Selectmen on August 16th.

Chair stated they may need to set up a special fund for town forests. They may need to utilize a special fund for forest management plans and forestry.

J. Upcoming Dates-

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission will be on **Tuesday, September 14, 2021.**

Adjournment

Member Gilman made the motion to adjourn. Alt. Member Dombrowski seconded. **Motion passed 6-0.** Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bre Daigneault, Conservation Admin.

Attested by: _____ on _____

Dick de Seve, Chair

Date