

# Grantham Conservation Commission

## MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 4, 2018

300 ROUTE 10 SOUTH, GRANTHAM, NH

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| <b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>  | Chairman David Wood                                                    |
| <b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>    | Regular Meeting of the Conservation Commission                         |
| <b>FACILITATOR</b>        | Chairman Dave Wood                                                     |
| <b>NOTE TAKER</b>         | David Wood                                                             |
| <b>COMMISSION MEMBERS</b> | Richard Hocker, Rich Kaszeta, John Larrabee, Laura Nagy, & Dennis Ryan |
| <b>ABSENT</b>             | Susan Buchanan                                                         |
| <b>SELECTBOARD REP</b>    | none                                                                   |
| <b>OTHER VISITORS</b>     | Sheridan Brown                                                         |

Wood called the Grantham Conservation Commission to order on Tuesday, Sept 4, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room at Grantham Town Hall located at 300 Route 10 South in Grantham, NH.

### APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 6, 2018 MEETING

| DISCUSSION                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                    |              |
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| Wood asked if there were any additions, corrections, or modification to the draft minutes of the regular meeting of the Aug 6, 2018. Several errors were presented and updated real time during the meeting. |                    |              |
| Wood announced that he would entertain a motion to approve the June minutes, as modified. A motion was made by Kaszeta; seconded by Nagy. There being no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote.   |                    |              |
| <b>Unanimously Approved &amp; Accepted</b>                                                                                                                                                                   |                    |              |
| ACTION ITEMS                                                                                                                                                                                                 | PERSON RESPONSIBLE | DEADLINE     |
| Approved minutes for the Aug 6 meeting will be submitted for recording                                                                                                                                       | Wood               | Sept 5, 2018 |

### OLD BUSINESS – SMITH LOT

| DISCUSSION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Status of kiosk &amp; parking for Smith Lot</b> - Compliments were extended to John Larrabee and the Eastman Youth Conservation Corps for the kiosk at Smith Lot and to Renee Gustafson and Laura Nagy for preparing the display. Compliments were also offered to Jeff Hastings and the Grantham road crew for filling the rut on the drive and widening the barrier into the Lot.</li> <li>An expenditure of up to \$1,000 had been approved at the Aug 6 meeting for herbicide application. Because of the minimal number of weeds emerging, Wood moved that the approval be rescinded. Kaszeta seconded.<br/><b>Unanimously Approved &amp; Accepted</b></li> <li>An expenditure of up to \$400 had been approved at the Aug 6 meeting for the purchase of grass seed. Upon recalculation of the acreage to be seeded, the amount of seed needed was reduced and only \$278.50 was spent for 90 lb of Ernst Solar Farm Mix.</li> <li>Ryan and Wood have begun to rake away the surface debris from the meadow and realized that the time commitment to complete the planned pre-rake, seed, rake in and roll is excessive. As an alternative, Wood interviewed several companies who hydroseed. The least expensive bid came from Liquid Lawn of Manchester. Three alternatives are available from Liquid Lawn: 1) seed grass ASAP and seed flowers and clover after the first freeze for \$5,850; 2) the same plus a spray of fertilizer and lime in the spring for \$7,300; or 3) seeding grass and flowers as above and spraying</li> </ul> |

clover, fertilizer and lime in the spring for \$7,300. Because the spring fertilizer and lime should improve the meadow and because it is best to seed clover in the spring, Wood moved to accept alternative #3 with \$7,300 to be committed from the Town Forest Maintenance Fund. Larrabee seconded.  
**Unanimously Approved & Accepted**

| ACTION ITEM                                     | PERSON RESPONSIBLE | DEADLINE |
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| Initiate contract with Liquid Lawn to hydroseed | Wood               | ASAP     |

#### OLD BUSINESS – DIRECTION SIGN FOR CONSERVATION LAND

| DISCUSSION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                    |             |
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| The sign which had once directed visitors to the Smith and Flewelling properties is no longer usable. After a discussion of possible designs, Larrabee volunteered to lead the effort to redesign the sign to show the Town Forest as well as Smith and Flewelling and to investigate its construction. |                    |             |
| ACTION ITEMS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | PERSON RESPONSIBLE | DEADLINE    |
| Recommend new sign design and construction                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Larrabee           | Oct 1, 2018 |

#### OLD BUSINESS – HUNT FOR GRANTHAM HISTORY

| DISCUSSION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                    |          |
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| <p>Submissions continue to come in. 16 pins have been given away to date. Nagy noted that she is aware of folks who want to participate but have not yet found the time. The press has shown interest in the Hunt. Kaszeta recommended keeping the Hunt open and is approaching the library to create a display there.</p> |                    |          |
| ACTION ITEMS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | PERSON RESPONSIBLE | DEADLINE |
| Ask Library to set up display                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Kaszeta            | ASAP     |

#### OLD BUSINESS – FLEWELLING MONITORING DATES

| DISCUSSION                                                                         |                    |          |
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| Waiting for Anders Hoglund, property owner, to provide a date when he is in town.. |                    |          |
| ACTION ITEMS                                                                       | PERSON RESPONSIBLE | DEADLINE |
| Set monitoring date for Flewelling                                                 | Wood               | ASAP     |

#### OLD BUSINESS – SHORELINE CUTTING APPLICATIONS – Nagy/Larrabee

| DISCUSSION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                    |          |
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| Three routine cutting applications were approved this month. Nagy, Larrabee and Kaszeta investigated cutting done along the shore of Walker Pond concluding that, because the pond is less than 10 acres in size, the cutting was excessive but not a violation. |                    |          |
| ACTION ITEMS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | PERSON RESPONSIBLE | DEADLINE |
| None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                    |          |

#### NEW BUSINESS – MEADOWSEND CHARGES

| DISCUSSION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                    |          |
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| Wood moved that payments be made from the Town Forest Maintenance Fund to reimburse Meadowsend LLC \$260 for work related to the Smith Lot and \$195 review of the condition of Mountain Road related to a future harvest in the Town Forest. Nagy seconded.<br><b>Unanimously Approved &amp; Accepted</b> |                    |          |
| ACTION ITEMS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | PERSON RESPONSIBLE | DEADLINE |
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| None |  |  |
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#### NEW BUSINESS – REIMBURSEMENT NAGY - DRAGONFLY HUNT

| DISCUSSION                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                    |          |
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| Wood moved to reimburse Nagy \$50 from operating expenses for the gift certificate given to Eryn Bagley in appreciation for the use of her property. Ryan seconded.<br><b>Unanimously Approved &amp; Accepted</b> |                    |          |
| ACTION ITEMS                                                                                                                                                                                                      | PERSON RESPONSIBLE | DEADLINE |
| Request reimbursement                                                                                                                                                                                             | Wood               | ASAP     |

#### NEW BUSINESS – DES APPROVAL OF DREDGE AND FILL ON LOT 226-035

| DISCUSSION                                                                                                  |                    |          |
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| Wood noted that DES has given approval for work along the shore of Eastman Pond intended to reduce erosion. |                    |          |
| ACTION ITEMS                                                                                                | PERSON RESPONSIBLE | DEADLINE |
| None                                                                                                        |                    |          |

#### NEW BUSINESS – UPCOMING EVENTS

| DISCUSSION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                    |          |
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| Wood noted that the annual meeting of the NHACC will be at Pembroke School on Nov 3. All GCC members are invited to attend. Registration expenses will be covered.<br>Brown announced that he is speaking on Gardening for Birds at the GGC meeting Sept 14 at 10:30 at Town Hall.<br>Larrabee announced that Sue Morse, noted natural history expert, will be speaking at the GVS at 1:30 and at the Grantham Town Hall at 7pm on September 21.<br>Hocker announced that Renee Gustafson will be presenting on the pollinator garden at the Orchard in Brookside Park at 11:00 am Sept 22. |                    |          |
| ACTION ITEMS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | PERSON RESPONSIBLE | DEADLINE |
| None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                    |          |

**In accordance with RSA 91-A:3 Section II-d a motion was made by Wood; seconded by Kaszeta to go into Non-Public session at 8:00 PM.** Present were: Wood, Hocker, Kaszeta, Larrabee, Nagy, Ryan and Brown.

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| Roll call vote to enter Non-Public Session: | Wood     | Yes |
|                                             | Hocker   | Yes |
|                                             | Kaszeta  | Yes |
|                                             | Larrabee | Yes |
|                                             | Nagy     | Yes |

**Motion to Adjourn non-public session was made by Wood and seconded by Larrabee at 8:25pm.** Unanimously Approved

**A motion was made by Wood for the sealing of Non-Public Sessions minutes and was seconded by Nagy.** Unanimously Approved

**In accordance with RSA 91-A:3 Section II-e a motion was made by Wood; seconded by Nagy to go into Non-Public session at 8:30 PM.** Present were: Wood, Hocker, Kaszeta, Larrabee, Nagy, Ryan and Brown.

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| Roll call vote to enter Non-Public Session: | Wood     | Yes |
|                                             | Hocker   | Yes |
|                                             | Kaszeta  | Yes |
|                                             | Larrabee | Yes |
|                                             | Nagy     | Yes |

**Motion to Adjourn non-public session was made by Wood and seconded by Kaszeta at 8:50pm.** Unanimously Approved

**A motion was made by Wood for the sealing of Non-Public Sessions minutes and was seconded by Nagy.** Unanimously Approved

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Wood asked if there was any further business. There being none, Wood moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.; seconded by Nagy.

***The Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.***

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Grantham Conservation Commission will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room on Monday Oct 1, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

David Wood  
Chair, Grantham Conservation Commission