

Grantham Conservation Commission

MINUTES

DECEMBER 7, 2020

300 ROUTE 10 SOUTH, GRANTHAM,
NH

MEETING CALLED BY	Chairman David Wood
TYPE OF MEETING	Regular Meeting of the Conservation Commission
FACILITATOR	Chairman David Wood
NOTE TAKER	David Wood
COMMISSION MEMBERS	John Eylander, Richard Hocker, Craig McArt, Dennis Ryan & David Wood - in person; Susan Buchanan and Rich Kaszeta - participating remotely
ABSENT	
SELECTBOARD REP	Peter Garland
OTHER VISITORS	Emily Owen, Ebba McArt

Wood called the Grantham Conservation Commission to order on Monday, Dec. 7, 2020 at 7:06 p.m. The meeting was held in the Lower Hall at Grantham Town Hall located at 300 Route 10 South in Grantham, NH.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

DISCUSSION		
Wood asked if there were any additions, corrections, or modifications to the draft minutes of the regular meeting of Nov 2, 2020. Several corrections were recommended by Buchanan and Ryan. There being no other corrections, Wood announced that he would entertain a motion to approve the minutes as revised. A motion was made by Ryan; seconded by Kaszeta. There being no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote. Unanimously Approved & Accepted		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Approved minutes will be submitted for posting	Wood	ASAP

OLD BUSINESS – TOWN FOREST

DISCUSSION		
Wood announced that Bunnell Logging has been able to create a parking area that will likely accommodate up to 10 cars slightly uphill from the end of Miller Pond Road. To date, the power lines have been relocated to the new pole, but the telephone lines have not been relocated and, consequently, the old pole continues to block further work on the road.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Continue to encourage progress	Wood	ASAP

OLD BUSINESS - SAWYER BROOK HEADWATERS (SBH)

DISCUSSION		
Wood announced that Anne Payeur at Ausbon Sargent (ASLPT) had provided him with a sample of Request for Proposal (RFP) used by other towns seeking a Natural Resources Plan as well as a list of elements the ASLPT would like included. He presented the draft he had created and asked for comments and corrections. Numerous changes were suggested, most notably that the RFP should include reference to a standard, if one exists, and a description of the criteria that will be used to evaluate the proposals.		
Wood also announced that Melissa White had found a Forest Management Plan done for the property while it was owned by William Ruger. It should be beneficial in facilitating the development of the new plan.		

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Work with ASLPT to finalize the RFP for consideration by the Selectboard	Wood	ASAP

OLD BUSINESS – MONITORING OF SHERWOOD FOREST

DISCUSSION		
Wood reported that Susan Buchanan and he together with Brook McCandlish, forester for Sherwood Forest, monitored the eastern and part of the western boundary of Sherwood Forest on Nov 6 finding no significant incursion or other problems. Wood noted that the blazing of the boundaries by McCandlish is excellent and easy to follow. The monitoring report that also included the findings of a monitoring hike on Oct 15 through the interior of the property by Craig McArt, Bruce Flewelling and himself has been submitted to the Office of Strategic Initiatives.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None		

OLD BUSINESS – SHORELAND CUTTING APPLICATIONS

DISCUSSION		
No new applications have been received.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None		

OLD BUSINESS – GOOGLE MAP CORRECTIONS

DISCUSSION		
Kaszeta reported no response from Google regarding his request for corrections and is seeking a way to contact Google.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Seek a way to encourage Google to address the errors	Kaszeta	ASAP

NEW BUSINESS – ANNUAL REPORT

DISCUSSION		
Wood presented a draft of the annual report of the GCC for comment. Several corrects and revisions were agreed upon.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Submit annual report for inclusion in the Town Meeting report	Wood	Dec 12, 2020

NEW BUSINESS –MODIFICATION OF THE GCC WEBSITE

DISCUSSION		
Responding to a request to redesign the GCC website made during the October GCC meeting, McArt presented a series of suggested pages including maps, photos and descriptions of the various trails in Grantham. The draft pages were reviewed, and the suggested changes noted.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Meet to upload the drafts into the web	McArt & Owen	Dec. 11, 2020

NEW BUSINESS – VISIBILITY

DISCUSSION
Eylander announced that he has begun communication with the Grantham Village School and learned that they are working with Prescott Farms to utilize the outdoor opportunities in town to enhance the science program. He will forward the trail descriptions created by McArt to them.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Forward trail descriptions to GVS	Eylander	ASAP

HANDOUTS

None

NEXT MEETING

If in person meeting are then permissible, the next meeting of the Grantham Conservation Commission will be held in person in the Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room on Monday, Jan 4, 2021 at 7 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wood asked if there was any further business. There being none, Eylander made a motion to adjourn; seconded by McArt. **Unanimously Approved & Accepted**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Wood
Grantham Conservation Commission Chair