

## Conservation Commission Meeting

March 4, 2019

**Meeting Opened:** 6:06 pm

**Members Present:** Sue Foote, Al Mueller, James Sanborn & Judie Walker.

### Minutes:

*Motion to accept the minutes: Sue Foote*

*Second: Al Mueller*

*Unanimous*

### NHDES:

- The Conservation Commission received a Wetlands Permit Application for the dredge and fill project for Seabrook and Hampton Harbor submitted by Geno Marconi from the Port Authority.
- West Environmental sent the Conservation Commission a copy of a document sent to Eben Lewis regarding an amendment for 25 River Street. The amendment is for after-the-fact expansion of dune disturbance on the abutting property owned by Arlene Guidali with her permission and occurred during the excavation of the foundation in the late fall of 2018. The impact areas will be evaluated to make sure there is no fill material and only dune sand. Then the areas will be planted with American Beach grass 1 foot on center. Since this area was not dredged we would expect to find roots of the native vegetation that was buried. The complete dune restoration should be completed by June 15, 2019.

### Emails:

- Alyson Eberhardt sent Conservation Commission and email for three reasons:
  - To let us know that she is pursuing additional funding to work on dune resiliency and restoration in Seabrook.
  - To obtain your verbal endorsement of the project concept as the Chair of the Seabrook Conservation Commission.
  - To respectfully request if the Conservation Commission would be able to offer any in-kind match to the 2 year project as you have done on these projects. This could take the form of Seabrook Conservation Commission volunteer time and/or selective harvest or beach grass from robust areas of the Seabrook foredunes as they've done in the past (and if so and estimated value does not need to be official).

## **Emails cont.**

- Lisa Wise of UNH extension & NH Sea Grant and Amanda Stone her colleague are currently working with towns/conservation commissions around the coast to bring them information and the accompanying maps from the update of the NH Coastal Conservation Plan which was originally published in 2006 . Lisa and Amanda would like to come to the Conservation Commissions next meeting May 4<sup>th</sup> and give a presentation about the update on the NH Coastal Conservation Plan submitted by the Nature Conservancy Land Conservation Priorities for the Protection of Coastal Water Resources which was done in 2016, but they just now got the grant funding to outreach towns in New Hampshire.

## **Mail:**

- New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commission would like the Conservation Commission to become a member. We have been a member in the past, but they were only interested in lakes around Lake Winnepesaukee area.

Sue Foote made a motion not to join NCHAA

Jim Sanborn seconded it.

Unanimous

- SCA New Hampshire AmeriCorps sent Conservation Commission a flyer of what they are all about. The Student Conservation Association's New Hampshire Corps is a program that engages AmeriCorps members in community and conservation service throughout the State of New Hampshire. They partner with land management agencies and community organizations to protect watersheds, build trails, control erosion, remove invasive species, construct rustic victory-use structures, and complete restoration work among many other labor intensive conservation across NH, as well as providing public education and programming in this domain. The Conservation Commission suggested that Judie forward this to the rail trail see if they have any interest.

Meeting adjourned: 6:35pm

Next Meeting: May 4, 2019

Respectfully submitted: Judie Walker, Secretary