

Conservation Commission Meeting
September 10, 2018

Meeting Opened: 6:06 pm

Members Present: Sue Foote, Al Mueller, Francis Chase, Mike Colin, James Sanborn, Helen Lalime & Judie Walker.

Guests: **Mike Pellegrini of 12 Cross Beach Road**
Pam Welsh of 99 Ocean Drive
Janet Dow of Adams Avenue

Minutes:

*Motion to accept the minutes: James Sanborn
Second: Sue Foote
Unanimous*

NHDES:

- Mike Pellegrini came to the Conservation Commission to discuss the erosion on his property and what he plans to do. He has spoken with Eben Lewis of NH DES and Mark West regarding what he plans on doing. Mike only wants to do natural remedies. He has contacted a company called Filtrexx Products and they help grow structural living walls. Filtrexx will have tubes filled with natural soil or peat mix and anchors every 10 feet to stop the deteriorating.

Mike also wants to put some fill in where his driveway is and maybe put up a fence or something to show the towns' property and his property. The Conservation Commission would like to see Mike maintain the towns right away near his property.

There was a lot of discussion about if one tube will be sufficient for extremely high tides .

Francis Chase, Chair made a motion: Pursue this venture ask John M. Starkey, DPW Manager to get involved with this and get back to us with his thoughts about the Pocket Park and Town launching ramp. We would like the applicant to come back with a completed dredge and fill application. If needed the Conservation Commission will hold a special meeting to expedite this process.

Second: Sue Foote, Vice Chair, Unanimous

The Francis Chase, Chair will write a letter to the Town Manager William Manzi to see if he agrees with this project as presented and having Mike Pellegrini maintain the town's right of way.

- Pam Welsh of 99 Ocean Drive came to the meeting seeking advice from the Conservation Commission. She would like to remove sea grass from her front lawn. She is allowed to maintain 20 feet of her front lawn. The sea grass has grown so much that she has no room for a picnic table, etc. She also would like to replace her fence which is located next to the town's boardwalk and regrade her driveway. Pam would like to donate the sea grass to whoever would need it. Sue Foote mentioned Alyson Eberhardt has a garden at Hampton State Park and would probably love to have it.

Mike Colin made the motion: To accept the project shown tonight.

Second: Jim Sanborn

Unanimous

Other:

- Janet Dow of 42 Adams Avenue came to the Conservation Commission to discuss the problem she is having with the residents of Elephant Rock Road. Janet takes her dog for a walk on Elephant Rock Road and walks to the actual rock. One of the residents of Elephant Rock Road told her that is private property.

Henry Boyd, told the Conservation Commission this is an historical rock and it's on an Conservation easement so anyone can visit the rock. Also Sue Foote mentioned there were green tags marking out the area years ago. Janet shows the Conservation Commission pictures on how one of the residents have cut down trees, leaving stumps and parked a work trailer in the easement.

Janet was told the Board of Selectmen has the authority to get the Department of Public Works involved. Janet did go the Department of Public Works first and John Starkey the DPW Manager was going to draft a letter to the Elephant Rock Road Resident.

Sue Foote made the motion:

The Conservation Commission will draft a letter to the Board of Selectmen, the Town Manager, DPW and the Planning Board to look into and resolve this situation with the Conservation Easement. This easement shall remain public access to the residents of the town.

Second: Helen Lalime

Unanimous

- James Sanborn discussed the problems they are having with the gun range being closed. The problem is the Gun Range is partly in Kensington, so the Kensington Police are looking into the matter where the bullet hit a building in Kensington.

The gun range was allowed to be open for Old Home Days Turkey Shoot, but a police officer had to be present.

Sue made the Motion:

She would like to see the Board of Selectmen to get more involved. They need to know that shooting is a sport and also the heritage of our town. The Town of Seabrook is a rural hunting town. The Board of Selectmen should take every mean possible to get the shooting range open.

Second: Mike Colin

Unanimous

The Conservation Commission has always supported the Gun Range and is a large investor.

- There was a brief discussion regarding the Jet Ski issues at Seabrook Harbor. Sue Foote talks about changing the bill. To see if the State will adopt the definition that the Federal Government has. We will discuss more at the next meeting.

Mail: Wildlife Journal and All Animals Magazine.

- The Conservation Commission received an application for a variance proposed for Solar Array at 27 Stard Road. 27 Stard Road is a conservation easement. They will need 5 acres to put in solar arrays up in that area there is at least 22.14 acres.

Meeting adjourned: 8:08pm

Next Meeting: November 12, 2018

Respectfully submitted: Judie Walker, Secretary