

Holderness Conservation Commission
Town of Holderness
P.O. Box 203
Holderness, NH 03245

Regular Meeting
May 10, 2016

Members Present: Larry Spencer, Shelagh Connelly, Jenny Evans, Ben Amsden, Janet Cocchiaro and Anne Packard

Members not Present: Jacque Jewell

Others Present: Michael Capone, Town Administrator.

Call to Order

Mr. Spencer called the meeting to order at 4:02 P.M. A quorum was present. The Chair took a moment to congratulate Anne Packard on her recent retirement.

Approval of Minutes The minutes of March 8, 2016 were reviewed. Anne requested a correction to the minutes to add an “e” to her first name. The minutes were approved as corrected. The committee also voted to approve the minutes of April 13, 2016.

Mail Check The mail was reviewed by Mr. Spencer. Included were requests for additional information from NHDES on two Wetland Permit applications.

Old Items

Update on Pilote and Town Forests Cuts. Mr. Spencer had spoken with Mr. Hahn who informed him that the machinery was off the property, but the bridge had been left in place for the stumper.

Status of Northern Pass. The meeting in Plymouth was well attended. The majority opinion of those present was that the Plymouth Select Board not accept funds from Public Service and continue to oppose the project.

Status of Monitoring Reports. The report forms were distributed to Commissioners. Mr. Spencer will work with Mr. Amsden to acquaint him with the monitoring process.

New Items

Report from Last Month's Area Meeting in Plymouth: Mr. Spencer reported that the meeting was well attended by representatives from Holderness, Plymouth and Campton, Conservation Commissions as well as the Squam Lakes Conservation Society and the Pemi River Local Advisory Committee.

Sign off on two wetlands permits: Mr. Spencer reported that he had signed off on a permit from Camp Deerwood and a permit for the Levin property.

Possible Trail Grant: Mr. Spencer advised the Commission of an opportunity to obtain a Trail Grant. The commissioners reviewed the grant proposal and offered comments and corrections to the draft document. Mr. Spencer will submit the corrected draft prior to the June 3rd deadline.

Schedule for Commission Meetings: The next Commission Meeting is scheduled for June 14th if necessary. There will be no meetings in July and August.

Other Business: Mr. Spencer reported on the activities of the Friends of the Pemi Livermore Falls Chapter to include a bird walk and "South Beach" area clean up on May 7th. He also mentioned that the group plans a "river Float" and swift water rescue demonstration on June 11th. The group is also looking for "greeters" at the new Livermore Falls State Park for Saturdays in July and August.

Ms. Connelly mentioned that there has been some discussion with regard to how best to proceed at the Livermore Falls site. Should the dam be removed? Should the Bridge be removed?

Ms. Connelly also noted that there is a 17 acre parcel with a small home that may become available adjacent to the Rattlesnake Mountain trail off Route 113. It may present an opportunity to conserve more land in the area as well as providing additional parking for the trail alleviating parking along the Route 113.

There was discussion with regard to adding a Conservation Commission email contact on the Town website. Michael will look into setting it up.

Adjournment: Mr. Spencer adjourned the meeting at 5:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael R. Capone
Holderness Town Administrator

Minutes approved:
Corrections: