



**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
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**MINUTES OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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Wednesday, November 14, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. – Town Hall Conference Room

*Members Present:* Bill Bilodeau, Laura Byergo, Chip Hussey, Sarah Rowe

*Guests:* Kathleen Baban-Johnson, Joe Fedora

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Chair Byergo opened the Conservation Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. A roll call was taken by the Chair; she announced a quorum was present and the meeting was being recorded.

1. Update: Trail

Even though the trail is wet, Chair Byergo stated they were going to try to work on the trail Saturday, November 17, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. Plan to meet at the Town Hall; Lou will discuss safety and organization. People will then be moved to the end of Coastal Way; Chair Byergo is hoping to use the shortcut. The lumber has been delivered to Coastal way. Chair Byergo thanked Paul Hayden, Property Maintenance Supervisor, for delivering the lumber. In addition to Conservation Commission members, Joe Fedora, Larry Day, Barry Glint, Josh Churchill, Dustin Key, and a Boy Scout and his dad will be helping. There are several others who are tentative. Lou has stakes in the stream and wants to build a cradle on top of them; he may come down earlier to get that built. Chair Byergo feels it's possible to get the trail done. C. Hussey agreed as long as there was good footing and it wasn't too mucky.

Chair Byergo stated that if Saturday is cancelled, chances are things won't be done until spring. There is a contract, so funds can be encumbered at the end of the year. The lumber is on tarmac at the end of Coastal Way. If the trail work is cancelled on Saturday, members were in agreement that the lumber should be moved and properly stored for the winter. People will be needed to help move the lumber. There was a discussion on the best way to store the lumber for the winter. Chair Byergo suggested moving it back to the Town Maintenance Building.

C. Hussey stated that the rutting at the end of Coastal Way needed to be cleaned up. He suggested that with B. Bilodeau's help, he could pull the roto pieces out that were found off the resident's property. They could be put in the tractor bucket and back graded. B. Bilodeau and S. Rowe stated there were no ruts; C. Hussey thought it may from the 4-wheeler owned by a resident. C. Hussey suggested chaining off the entrance. J. Fedora has heard an ATV in the area of the Van Etten Drive circle.

Chair Byergo will ask the Property Maintenance Supervisor to mow the right-of-way on Coastal Way.

2. Update: NHCCA Meeting

S. Rowe was unable to attend the NHCCA meeting.

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### 3. Warrant Article

The warrant article has been submitted and will be reviewed by the Board of Selectmen before going to the Budget Committee.

### 4. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: C. Hussey moved to approve the minutes of Wednesday, October 10, 2018. Second – S. Rowe; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

### 5. Payment of Invoices

MOTION: C. Hussey moved to approve payment of the invoice to the NH Association of Conservation Commissions in the amount of \$300 for dues from the Conservation Commission budget. Second – S. Rowe; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: C. Hussey moved to approve payment of the invoice from Snow Hawk for materials for the trail boardwalk and bridge in the amount of \$2,127 from the warrant article. Second – B. Bilodeau; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: C. Hussey moved to approve payment of the invoice from Quality Hardwood Custom Mowing in the amount of \$2,000 from the warrant article. Second – S. Rowe; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

### 6. Correspondence

A copy of the wetlands/non-site specific permit for the power lines was reviewed. Also reviewed was the Completed Trail Notification. No action was needed.

### 7. Other Business

Mowing: Quality Hardwood Custom Mowing mowed the bank at Van Etten Drive. J. Fedora commented they did a little more than he thought; he thought they would leave the sumac trees. Matt Tarr had said if the Sumac were cut back they would be rejuvenated. Chair Byergo may ask the woman who did some of the mowing to move the mulch up to the top of the bank; she would like to plant some wildflower seeds at the top. Quality Hardwood suggested adding some dirt to one area of the bank and grading it, making it easier for the Town to mow the bank. C. Hussey agreed it would need to be looked at first.

Plantings: Chair Byergo suggested putting blueberry and/or mulberry bushes along Van Etten Drive and (possibly) along Coastal Way; she would like to plant something that would do fairly well in the wet conditions to try and fight the invasive species.

December Meeting: Chair Byergo reminded members that the December meeting will be important. The group that showed the Conservation Commission the maps will be at the meeting Wednesday, December 12, 2018. She would like to review the maps and do some strategic planning with them. Because of the unavailability of some members, Chair Byergo was asked to move the meeting to either January or February 2019.

Alternate: J. Fedora offered to be an alternate on the Conservation Commission. His motivation: he's a resident and wants to help, and there are only four members. C. Hussey noted there are vacancies on

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the Commission and he was unsure if they could have an alternate before filling the vacancies. It was suggested that J. Fedora become a member because he attends the meetings on a regular basis, has already been a great volunteer and would be welcome on the Commission.

Kathleen Baban-Johnson, a Greenland resident, is a Natural Resource Steward. She has done some recent work with Great Bay Stewards. She has an interest in the forest and oceans. Responding to a question from K. Baban-Johnson, Chair Byergo stated the Commission is currently wrapping up its year. They deal with wetland ordinances and permitting.

### 8. 2019 Goals

Chair Byergo asked members to consider ideas for additional projects for 2019, stating that the Commission would be establishing goals over the next couple of months. Chair Byergo continued that S. Rowe is a great out-reach person; a drainage project stenciling “drains to the Bay, don’t pollute” was done recently; an Arbor Day project distributing free saplings was a success. S. Rowe suggested the Arbor Day project be done again. She would also like to help the Girl Scouts earn badges. Chair Byergo added that the Boy Scouts need conservation hours. One Boy Scout will be helping on Saturday, November 17, 2018 with the main trail bridge; in the spring, they will help with the bog bridges. The Winnicut River Management Plan hasn’t been implemented in Greenland; this could be the big project for next year. The trail and open meadow projects will be ongoing next year. Chair Byergo also suggested repairing Coastal Way where the trail mistakenly went; something should be done with the brush as well as do some plantings where there was a cut-through on private land. C. Hussey said that most of the residents are fine with what’s been done. J. Fedora commented there may be a need for trail maintenance next year if it keeps raining.

### 9. Adjournment

**MOTION:** C. Hussey moved to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Second – S. Rowe; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

NEXT MEETING
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Wednesday, December 12, 2018 – 7:00 p.m., Town Hall Conference Room

Respectfully Submitted: Charlotte Hussey, Secretary to the Boards

Approved: 