

**Town of Chester  
Conservation Commission  
February 22, 2019  
7:00 PM  
Approved Minutes**

**Present:**

Chairman Chuck Myette  
Deb Munson  
Kristina Snyder  
Victor Chouinard  
Aaron Hume

**Absent:**

Selectmen Liaison Stephen Landau  
Baron Richardson  
Kathleen Neff Ragsdale  
Ted Broadwater

**Guests:** None.

**Call to Order:**

Chairman Myette called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Chairman Myette directed that the active alternates would be Kristina Snyder and Victor Chouinard.

**New Business**

1. Annual Budget- Selectman's meeting summary

Chairman Myette advised he met with the Board of Selectmen to review the new budget which will be \$954.00, and they were in support of the Commissions offering of new workshops and seminars.

2. Appointment Swear-in -everyone all set?

Ms. Snyder stated she had been sworn in. Mr. Chouinard has not been and will contact the Clerk.

3. Bear Presentation – Kristina

Ms. Snyder advised that she reached out to Ben Killam concerning the Bear presentation and he was unfortunately busy. Ms. Snyder spoke to Andy Timmons at NH Fish and Game who agreed to put on a discussion on the topic at the Multi-Purpose Room on Friday, April 12, 2019 at 7:00 pm at no charge. Donations would go to Mr. Killam. Ms. Snyder proposed a raffle of a large stuffed bear. All were in agreement to have NH Fish & Game put on the presentation. Chairman Myette advised to schedule it with Mrs. Doda and let Mrs. Reishus know so they will have use of the MPR.

4. Wetland Mitigation Workshop March 11, 2019 UNH Manchester

Ms. Snyder advised there is a wetland mitigation workshop on Monday, March 11, 2019 at 4 pm. Ms. Munson stated there is online mapping information available concerning climate change and mitigation of flooding and drainage control.

5. Chester Small Business Fair March 30, 2019 MPR

Ms. Snyder requested Conservation take part in the Chester Small Business Fair on March 30, 2019 at the Multi-Purpose Room. The activity is free for presenters. Ms. Snyder recommended having the conservation map, trails maps, and a flyer concerning the Bear event.

6. NH Conservation Overview/Americore

Chairman Myette asked if the Commission would like to be in touch with the student lead volunteer group who is staff supervised and available for projects, restoration, invasive species management, marking trails. Mr. Chouinard will get in touch with them to see about deadlines and requirements and if there is any interest in working on the Lincoln Lane bridge that Conservation has funds for. Chairman Myette will reach out to the Homeowner's Association to remind them they are holding those funds.

Ms. Munson asked if there were any other projects this group could assist with. Mr. Hume advised he noted a few areas that could use a foot bridge or boardwalk.

7. Buffers

Chairman Myette received a request from a UNH graduate student who wants to do a survey concerning buffers and will put him on the agenda for the next meeting for an hour. Ms. Munson advised there are legislative happenings with buffers. Chairman Myette explained previously the Commission attempted to bring forth a warrant article that didn't move forward concerning establishing 100' buffers with prime wetlands.

**Old Business**

1. Review minutes (January 2019)

***Ms. Munson motioned to accept the January minutes, as written. Mr. Chouinard seconded the motion, Mr. Hume abstained, approved 4-0, so moved.***

2. Treasurer's Report (Baron) BILLS

Chairman Myette advised the budget of \$703 has \$580 spent leaving a balance of \$123.00. Nothing has been spent this year on the Exeter River monitoring.

Ms. Snyder provided a reimbursement form to be signed for the Coyote project and will drop it off.

Chairman Myette advised the following balances:

Conservation Fund Savings \$ 75,680.28

Forestry \$ 40,638.81

79 Lincoln Lane \$ 3,047.25  
80 Emerson \$10,079.22  
81 CD \$708,000.00

82 ***Mr. Chouinard moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as stated. Mr. Hume seconded the***  
83 ***motion, with all in favor, so moved.***

84 3. Subcommittee reports

85 Strategic Land Protection Committee -SLPC

86 Pulpit Rock Road – on hold Raymond Road – ongoing

87 Chairman Myette stated he was in touch with the owner and he is ok with the easement and  
88 appraisal, but they are not comfortable with proposing trails so close to the house.

89 ***Ms. Snyder moved to go into non-public session, seconded by Mr. Chouinard. With all in***  
90 ***favor, so moved.***

91 Planning Board (Chuck)

92 Chairman Myette advised that Hampstead Water's proposal was discussed, and Conservation  
93 stated their position and haven't heard anything back. There were some news articles recently  
94 reviewed concerning Hampstead Water.

95 Trails (Aaron) mapping - next steps

96 Mr. Hume will see that the immediate area maps of Spring Hill Farm and Wason Pond get put  
97 on the webpage with a disclaimer concerning which trails may fall on private property. Mr.  
98 Hume will provide two copies to include those for Conservation's records.

99 Chairman Myette advised there have been some groups who would like to name the trails and  
100 perhaps some signs could be put up.

101 Springhill Farm and advisory committee - (Chuck)

102 There are currently no plans concerning RFPs for land use, haying or use of the high tunnel.  
103 The Committee is working on their management plan and budget.

104 Agricultural Commission – Chuck

105 Regulations

106 Grants –Trails grant

107 Wason Pond Conservation area (Chuck/Kathie)

108 a. Security and access.

109 b. Barn repair

110 Chairman Myette advised the Trustees will be working on repairs to the barn with the assistance  
111 of the inmates.

112 c. CIP Gazebo/Pavilion.

Chairman Myette advised the Timber Framers Guild has put together a design and would like to have it as a community project like the covered bridge for late Summer or early Fall.

Easements, Monitoring, and Stewardship (RCCD) – List of easements.

Chairman Myette noted he would like to devote an hour at the next meeting to discuss putting together a Stewardship plan and has sent out information to everyone. Chairman Myette stated he would like to have Rockingham redo some of the easements they did last year and get Emerson on the list this year.

Mr. Chouinard offered to help with inspecting some of the easements and could do one per month.

Plan Reviews 1. None

### **Miscellaneous Business**

1. Next meeting March 12, 2019

2. Coyote Project – Correspondence received from Senator Morgan.

Ms. Snyder read out loud a letter received from Senator Morgan stating how much he enjoyed the Coyote presentation. Chairman Myette recommended putting it on the webpage.

### **Adjournment**

Ms. Munson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion, with all in favor, so moved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Hoijer  
Recording Secretary