

1 **Conservation Commission**

2 DRAFT Minutes of Meeting Thursday, October 10, 2024

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4 **Members Present:** Kelly Short, Ken Stern, Lance Messinger, Audra Klumb, Steve Seron,  
5 Teresa Wyman

6 **Members Absent:** Bob Steenson, Charlie Comey (alternate; Beth Blair (BoS Rep),

7 **Guest:** Gail Ober, Land Use Administrator

8 **Meeting called to Order 7 pm**

9 Gail was introduced to the Commission. Kelly provided conservation easement deeds to Gail for  
10 digitizing so we can provide copies to the easement monitors. Kelly will check with the easement  
11 monitors to see if any deed has priority for scanning.

12 **Agenda Item 1: Approval of Minutes from Meeting 9/13/24**

13 Motion to accept the minutes of September 13, 2024, moved by Steve. Ken seconded. No  
14 discussion or changes. Motion approved by voice vote.

15 **Agenda Item 3: Property Management**

- 16 a. Riverland Signage – Kelly has been in touch with the company that does the signs for the  
17 Forest Society. The signs that we would need would be < \$300. She did not price out the  
18 support structure. Ken said that he would provide the information for the company that  
19 prepared the Deepwood Forest sign structures. Kelly will proceed with the sign design and  
20 bring it for CCC review.
- 21 b. Riverland Tree Removal – Ken reported that the removal of the trees in the central portion  
22 of the field owned by the Town went smoothly. The excavator grappled the trees and put  
23 them in a trailer for removal. The tree that had fallen into the neighbor’s field was also  
24 removed. After the field has been mowed, Lance will spread the winter rye seed in the  
25 disturbed areas. The invasive removal work party is scheduled for October 26 at 9 am.
- 26 c. Robert S. Fife Conservation Area – Work day scheduled for Nov 9<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Ken has  
27 received one quote for the rock removal and will work to get at least one more. The  
28 contractor proposal was for payment by the hour. Ken requested an estimate for a not to  
29 exceed amount.

30 **Agenda Item 2: Budget Discussion**

31 The Commission discussed the 2025 Priority Projects and Budget and agreed upon a requested  
32 budget of \$12,501. The Commission will not request an allocation to the Conservation Fund this  
33 year. Kelly will submit the budget to the town.

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35 **Agenda Item 4. Permits**

36 No permits to received.

37 **Agenda Item 5. Easement Monitoring**

38 Ken provided an update from the easement monitoring. Work had been proceeding well.

39 **Agenda Item 7: Conservation Project Update**

40 Kelly will request the list from Mandy of land owners with parcels over 100 acres.

41 **Bills**

42 Discussed bills received. (Tree removal at the Riverland, NHACC dues) Discussed the Rocky Pond  
43 Milfoil Treatment. Commission agreed to send the regular \$1000 to cover a portion of the  
44 treatment costs.

45 **Agenda Item 8: Web Site**

46 Lance checked with Mandy regarding the status. The town has started transferring data to the new  
47 site and will communicate with the Commission in Nov to review for changes. The web site is  
48 expected to be released to the public in December.

49 **Agenda Item 9: Other Business**

50 Steve reported on the campers who were given permission to camp on Town-owned on the river at  
51 West Road. They cleaned up very well. No issues were noted.

52 **Agenda Item 6: Prime Wetlands**

53 Audra provided a brief overview of Prime Wetlands and what would be required to identify the  
54 Prime Wetlands and complete their designation. If the town chooses to move forward with Prime  
55 Wetland designation, then any identified Prime Wetland would be afforded a 100-foot buffer that  
56 would be under NH DES jurisdiction.

57 Meeting adjourned 8:50 pm.

58 Next meeting November 14<sup>th</sup>

59 Respectfully submitted, Audra Klumb