

# Conservation Commission

Minutes of Meeting Thursday, January 9, 2025

**Members Present:** Kelly Short, Audra Klumb, Steve Seron, Charlie Comey, Lance Messinger, Bob Steenson, Beth Blair (BOS Rep); Ken Stern attended via video conference.

**Members Absent:** Teresa Wyman. Alternate Charlie Comey will vote in Teresa's absence.

**Guest(s):** None.

**Meeting called to Order 7:04 pm**

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

Motion to accept the minutes of October 10, 2024 by Steve. Second by Audra. No Discussion or edits. All in favor; two abstentions for non-attendance (Charlie, Bob).

## **Agenda Item 2: Property Management**

- a. Riverland Signage – No changes from the last review. Signage to be produced by Spring.
- b. Robert S. Fife Conservation Area – Rock excavation and removal contracted with Dennis Moore for not-to-exceed amount of \$4,000. 2024 budgeted funds of \$2000 will be encumbered for expenditure in 2025.

## **Agenda Item 3. Permits**

No permit applications received.

## **Agenda Item 4. Easement Monitoring**

Easement monitoring reports were submitted at the end of the year. No significant problems. It was noted that a few parcels have changed ownership and the new owners were not aware of the conservation easements. Meetings will be scheduled in the spring with these property owners to review the easement terms and requirements.

## **Agenda Item 5. Dropbox Access**

Kelly resent links to the CCC Dropbox. Everyone reports they were able to access successfully. There are no fees to access the data.

It was noted that when uploading pictures to maintain the original file size. Should there be an issue with data storage in future Kelly will offload out of date info.

29 **Agenda Item 7: Web Site**

30 Beth reports that the new town website is just about ready and will be going live in the very near  
31 future.

32 The CCC section will have the basic info pages uploaded first. Additional data, photos, links and  
33 maps to be uploaded later.

34 The specific process for posting meeting agendas and minutes to the new site is yet to be  
35 determined.

36 **Agenda Item 8: Other Business**

37 a. Schoodac Area, town-owned conservation land: Assessor Mandy Irving has pointed out  
38 that this land is comprised of multiple contiguous parcels and inquired as to whether the  
39 CCC would like to combine these into one large parcel to ease reporting. Discussion  
40 ensued regarding whether new surveys, metes & bounds descriptions and a  
41 recombination plat were necessary and/or a good use of resources at this time. Ken will  
42 contact Web Stout who knows the area well for his thoughts on what such a project  
43 would entail.

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45 b. The Commission has been notified by NHACC that certain wetlands permit applications  
46 can now be submitted electronically. It was generally agreed that this is an improvement  
47 over the printed materials as notice would be received digitally and copies can be easily  
48 distributed. Kelly will inform the Town Clerk that we will accept digital notice and  
49 electronic applications where permitted.

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51 **Agenda Item 5. Conservation Projects**

52 The Commission discussed potential conservation projects and prioritized opportunities for  
53 landowner outreach.

54 Next steps:

55 a. Kelly to pick up copies of the book, "Conserving Your Land".

56 b. Bob and Kelly to review Ken's draft letter of approach.

57 c. Kelly to contact Five Rivers to schedule a public information meeting in the spring.

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59 Motion to Adjourn 8:37pm. All in favor.

60 Next meeting February 13.

61 Respectfully submitted, Bob Steenson

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