



# TOWN OF BOW

## Conservation Commission

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### **Bow Conservation Commission**

**September 14, 2020**

### **DRAFT Minutes**

The NRI session of the Bow Conservation Commission was held on September 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via ZOOM Meeting Software. Chair Sandy Crystall called the meeting to order with reading the virtual meeting checklist and introduction of the members.

Members present: Sandy Crystall, Wendy Waskin, Bob Ball, Michael Hansen, and Dik Dagavarian. Ms. Crystall noted that Dan Weed from Bow Pioneers had asked to address the Commission. Mr. Weed introduced himself and asked questions about the recent approval of the conditional use permit for constructing a bridge. Ms. Crystall explained the NHDES process associated with such permitting and how other agencies get brought into the process. She also explained to Mr. Weed how to check the status of the application with NHDES.

#### **Items for Consideration/Discussion**

##### **Turee Pond - Sampling, milfoil removal**

Mr. Ball provided an update on the diver's work on Turee Pond and showed the locations on the map. Members discussed continued presence of milfoil and what seems to be an exacerbation of the issue even with the recent chemical treatment. Ms. Crystall thanked Mr. Ball and Mr. Dagavarian for their time spent with the diver. Members also discussed the need to check other lakes in the state for similar issues after treatment.

Mr. Ball also provided a short update on VRAP and VLAP testing and upcoming measurements.

Ms. Crystall noted that there was a small incident with the sign limiting boat use on the pond that had been ripped out and is now replaced.

##### **NRI update**

Ms. Crystall noted that she had sent the comments on the report and the Story Map to the consultant but has not heard back yet. She said that a public meeting would need to be scheduled once the document is finalized.

##### **Status of land donation (Pusher/Chadwick)**

Ms. Crystall displayed the map of the lot in question and provided a description of it in terms of ranking, connectivity to other conservation land, trails, etc. Members discussed stewardship plans for the parcel and that it would be necessary to review the deed.

*Ms. Waskin made a motion to accept the land donation and a recommendation that after consultation an easement be placed on it by Bow Open Spaces Mr. Dagavarian duly seconded and motion passed 4:0:1 by a roll call vote: Ms. Waskin – yes; Mr. Ball – yes; Mr. Dagavarian – yes; Ms. Crystall – yes; Mr. Hansen – abstained due to having to leave the meeting at 7:43 PM.*

##### **Trails - BOS work**

Ms. Crystall said that there is an upcoming meeting of the Board of Selectmen with all chairs and asked the members for suggestions on how the Board of Selectmen could be of help to the Commission. A

1 suggestion was made to ask for staff support for grant writing.

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3 **Research funding for land protection**

4 Ms. Crystall displayed a table with a list of funding sources and suggested that each member research  
5 several options. Members discussed the areas of possible applications and several members offered to  
6 research further. Ms. Waskin will look into Forest Legacy and Fields Pond Foundation. Mr. Ball will  
7 take up North American Wetlands Conservation funding, and Mr. Dagavarian will research LCHIP  
8 grants. Mr. Ball noted that it would be helpful to research match requirements for each option. Ms.  
9 Crystall added that the areas that should be researched are the focus of funding, match amounts, and  
10 activities that are funded. She added that she will create a work sheet for the members to add information  
11 to.

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13 **Other items**

14 Ms. Crystall noted that the zoning amendment season is here and asked the members to start thinking  
15 about possible changes that could be proposed.

16 Ms. Crystall also provided an update on the latest public water system issue where Abenaki had received  
17 permission from the Town to drill two wells on its property and later decided not to do so as they were  
18 able to still use the existing wells.

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20 **Minutes from 08/17/2020**

21 Draft minutes from 08/17/2020 were reviewed and changes were made. Mr. Ball made a motion to  
22 approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Dagavarian duly seconded and motion passed by a 4:0 roll call  
23 vote: Ms. Crystal – yes; Mr. Ball – yes; Ms. Waskin – yes; Mr. Dagavarian – yes.

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25 Ms. Crystall noted that a buckslip has been received for a small commercial subdivision with no  
26 wetlands/buffer impacts and that there will be a Planning Board sitewalk on September 17, at 6:00 at 48  
27 Ryan Road for a site plan application.

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29 *Ms. Waskin made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Ball seconded and motion passed unanimously.*

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31 **Next meeting: October 5, 2020 (7 pm)**

32 Meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM.