



TOWN OF BOW

Conservation Commission

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Approved as amended on April 13, 2020.

Bow Conservation Commission

Meeting – February 10, 2020

Minutes

The regular meeting of the Bow Conservation Commission was held on February 10 at 7:01 p.m. Chair Sandy Crystall called the meeting to order with the introduction of the members.

Members present: Sandy Crystall, Wendy Waskin, Amanda Kallenbach, and Bob Ball. Michael Hansen was absent. Also present was Linda Millman.

Items for Consideration/Discussion

NRI update

Ms. Crystall described the maps that were in the packet and some observations about some information displayed on the maps. Members discussed which features should and should not be displayed. Another discussion was about the rationale of the models used to score parcels in terms of ecological value. Members looked at some individual parcels and colors used on the maps to identify the value of each parcel. Ms. Crystall will also follow up with Bow Open Spaces to make sure that the maps are complete. *Motion was made by Ms. Waskin to approve the payment of the invoice from Moosewood Ecological in the amount of \$2,660. Mr. Ball seconded and motion passed unanimously.*

Turee Pond / Water quality sampling/ Milfoil

Ms. Crystall said that the Board of Selectmen will be reviewing the submitted contract for DASH work that the Commission approved at the previous meeting. Mr. Ball spoke about water monitoring, specifically for chloride and the need for more data to be able to begin identifying underlying issues that cause higher chloride readings in Town. Members discussed the possible course of action this year.

Land donation

Ms. Crystall noted that there was a land donation offer made to the Town related to the Hamilton Court subdivision and the information about the donation was in the packet. Members discussed the information presented.

Trail request – Nottingcook

Ms. Crystall said that Bow Open Spaces had sent her a GPS file for a new trail proposed in the Nottingcook forest. Ms. Crystall had created a map showing the recommended trail buffer distances to avoid disturbances to wildlife. Members looked at the map and observed that the wildlife buffer distances had already been encroached upon by trails that were close together. Members discussed the disturbances to wildlife and general consensus was that the Commission would not support the creation of the new trail.

Update - Baker Free Library Rain Garden and Organic Lawn Care projects

Ms. Waskin said that NHDES Rain Garden presentation is scheduled for Monday, April 20th at 6:00 PM at the Baker Free Library which is when the Rain Garden installation there could be viewed as well. She also

said that the Organic Lawn Care program that was supposed to be implemented at the Library this spring was put on hold as the new Library Director is looking at reorganizing the outside space.

Crescent Drive easement language

Members discussed the draft of the easement sent to the Commission by Bow Open Spaces but no review was conducted during the meeting.

Ideas for Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund RFP (Anticipated)

Ms. Crystall said that she has not heard about any RFP being released yet..

Upcoming events

Ms. Crystall mentioned the Saving Special Places Conference that will take place on Saturday April 4, 2020 and invited members to register (participation can be covered by the Conservation fund).

News and other items

Ms. Crystall informed the members that a former Conservation Commission member Phil Downie had recently passed away and his family requested that donations in lieu of flowers be made to the Conservation Commission. She said that there were two donations made so far. Members expressed their condolences to the family and gratitude for the donations.

Ms. Crystall also noted that Ms. Kallenbach is moving and thanked her for her volunteer service to the community.

Ms. Crystall updated the members on the proposed Zoning Changes that were submitted to the Town Ballot by the Planning Board.

Unapproved 1/13/2020 Minutes.

The January 13, 2020 minutes were reviewed and changes were made. *Ms. Kallenbach made a motion, duly seconded by Ms. Waskin to approve the minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.*

Mr. Ball made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Kallenbach duly seconded and motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM.

