



# TOWN OF BOW

## Conservation Commission

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### Minutes

The regular meeting of the Bow Conservation Commission was held on January 11, 2021 at 7:02 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.

Roll call was taken. Members present: Sandy Crystall, Wendy Waskin, Bob Ball (left at 8:08 PM), and Michael Hansen. Dik Dagavarian was excused. All members stated they were by themselves.

#### Items for Consideration/Discussion

##### **BCC 2020 Annual Report.**

Ms. Crystall spoke about the comments she received from commission members and said that she will incorporate them. Members reviewed the final draft and made more changes. *Mr. Ball made a motion to submit the BCC Annual 2020 report with the changes that were discussed. Ms. Waskin duly seconded and motion passed 4:0 by a roll call vote: Ms. Ball – yes; Ms. Waskin – yes; Mr. Hansen – yes; Ms. Crystall – yes.*

##### **NRI update - Story Map, Photos**

Members discussed the photos for the NRI and decided on the opening page photo. Members will send additional photos to Ms. Crystall to add to the ones she already has.

##### **Status of language for proposed change to Wetland Conservation District**

Ms. Crystall said that the Planning Board voted to post the proposed zoning changes for a public hearing on January 21<sup>st</sup>; but only supported a 75 ft vernal pool buffer as opposed to the proposed 100 ft one, as there was some concern with land taking. The vernal pools will be added to the existing 75 foot- category for certain wetlands in the ordinance. Ms. Crystall invited the members to attend the public hearing and to invite anyone else they know if they are in support of the proposed changes. She then went over the final set of changes, which will also be sent to all members after the meeting.

##### **Status of Milfoil grant from NHDES**

Ms. Crystall displayed an email from Amy Smagula with the update about the milfoil grants and said that there should be more information coming next week.

##### **Gergler field expansion (site visit?)**

Ms. Crystall said that the Public Works Director Tim Sweeney emailed her about the need to cut some trees to create another field next to the Gergler field; the trees are ] close to the conservation easement boundary. She displayed the map of the fields along with the aerial image with the proposed new field location, and noted that this was not the exact location, and that she will need to double check with Tim and ask them to stake it out if possible. She also noted that the GIS map does not show the property line correctly. Ms. Crystall added that she mentioned to Tim that any such projects on Town land should be field surveyed during the growing season. She will keep the members updated on the progress.

##### **NHDOT letter (draft)**

Ms. Crystall displayed the draft of the Commission's response letter to Hoyle Tanner regarding the proposed NHDOT project by Exit 1 northbound and reviewed the response she drafted based on the Commission's discussion. After a brief discussion *Mr. Hansen made a motion to send the letter to NHDOT. Ms. Waskin duly seconded and motion passed 4:0 by a roll call vote: Ms. Ball – yes; Ms. Waskin – yes; Mr. Hansen – yes; Ms. Crystall – yes.*

**Other items**

**Proposed project(s): Residential lot line adjustment - Chris Benoit (Brown Hill Rd) and Eversource Mobile Substation Expansion - Johnson Rd Planning Board packet:**

Ms. Crystall noted that both projects will be discussed at the next Planning Board meeting.

She also said that she had been contacted by a prospective buyer of one of the lots from the Richardson subdivision on Hooksett Turnpike, where a substantial logging operation was completed before the subdivision and wetland CUP and state permit was sought. The buyers were wondering if they could replant in the buffer and Ms. Crystall went out with them to the site to show them where the buffer and the centerline are. She also noted that the debris that was removed from the buffer had been put in the upland on the lot and maybe that is something the Commission would need to address going forward.

Ms. Crystall also noted that a representative from the Office of Strategic Initiatives will be visiting Bow for the purpose of easement monitoring.

Ms. Waskin said she had emailed the Town Manager's Assistant with a question regarding a possible water conservation landscaping project at the Public Safety Building (similar to the one done at the Baker Free Library) and the email has been forwarded to the Town Manager and one of the Selectmen. Ms. Waskin will follow up on that email.

Ms. Ball left the meeting at 8:08 PM.

**Minutes from 12/14/2020**

Draft minutes from 12/14/2020 were reviewed and changes were made. *Ms. Waskin made a motion to approve the minutes as amended Mr. Hansen duly seconded and motion passed by a 3:0 roll call vote: Ms. Waskin – yes; Mr. Hansen – yes; Ms. Crystall – yes.*

*Mr. Hansen made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Waskin duly seconded and motion passed unanimously.*

**Next meeting: February 8, 2021 (7 pm)**

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.