



# TOWN OF BOW

## Conservation Commission

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### **Bow Conservation Commission**

**February 8, 2021**

### **Approved Minutes**

**Approved as amended on March 15, 2021.**

The regular meeting of the Bow Conservation Commission was held on February 8, 2021 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.

Roll call was taken. Members present: Sandy Crystall, Wendy Waskin, Bob Ball, Dik Dagavarian, and Michael Hansen. All members stated they were by themselves.

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

##### **Knight - Wetland CUP 402-21**

Ms. Crystall suggested to move this item up the agenda since the applicant and the engineer were present. Tim Bernier from T.F. Bernier Inc. and Jeff Knight presented the details of the conditional use application, which is to impact 690 sf of wetland buffer (some of it temporary) to extend the driveway for a construction of a 24' by 24' detached garage at 8 Peaslee Hill Road. Mr. Bernier answered questions about the relocation of the propane tank closer to the house and the requested waivers, one for minor CUP and the other for NH Natural Heritage Bureau data check.

*Mr. Ball made a motion that the Commission recommends the approval of the CUP # 402-21 to the Planning Board. Mr. Dagavarian duly seconded. Ms. Crystall made a friendly amendment that the Commission recommends that the Planning Board not grant the waiver for the NH Natural Heritage Bureau Data Check report. Mr. Ball and Mr. Dagavarian agreed with the friendly amendment. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Ball – yes; Mr. Dagavarian – yes; Ms. Waskin – yes; Mr. Hansen – yes; Ms. Crystall – yes. Motion passed 5:0.*

##### **2021 Milfoil grant from NHDES**

Ms. Crystall displayed the grant award letter and went over the financial details. The total grant award for both herbicide and divers would be \$10,489 with the Town being responsible for the remaining \$15,733. She did note that it may be less if the divers do not use all the 10 days that are initially allocated.

Members discussed the costs and previous herbicide treatment results, which were mixed and not quite as they anticipated. The map of proposed treatment was also reviewed and questions were asked why the areas displayed on the map were chosen and if there is an opportunity to change some of them, in particular to treat along the northern shore. Ms. Crystall will reach out to NHDES to find out. Another discussion was about Turee Pond's high recreational value and the rationale of spending the money to treat it.

*Mr. Ball made a motion to approve spending the above discussed amount for milfoil treatment with the anticipation of receiving the grant. Mr. Hansen duly seconded. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Ball – yes; Mr. Dagavarian – yes; Ms. Waskin – no; Mr. Hansen – yes; Ms. Crystall – yes. Motion passed 5:1.*

##### **NRI status**

Ms. Crystall provided a brief update and said that she will send the report, once she has it, to all members for review. After that review, a public hearing could be scheduled to familiarize the public with the document. Members discussed the possibility of waiting for the public meeting to be held in person,

although this may have to wait until fall of 2021. Nobody had any objections to waiting, and Ms. Crystall said she would find out from the consultant if they could wait as well.

**Other items**

**Wetlands Conservation District - warrant article**

Ms. Crystall said that the changes were approved by the Planning Board with some adjustments and will be put on the ballot in March. She will send out the final copy of the proposed changes to members.

**Gergler Field - practice field**

Ms. Crystall said that she had asked the Town Forester Ron Klemarczyk to check the conservation easement boundary to make sure that the tree cutting for the new practice field does not go beyond the easement boundary.

**Richardson subdivision - DES permit & plan**

Ms. Crystall said that she has been corresponding with a potential buyer of one lot and that the current owners requested the town to sign off on the restoration job to confirm that it was done to the Town's satisfaction.

**Email inquiry - proposed development- between 50 - 52 Brown Hill Rd.**

Ms. Crystall said that she had received an email with an inquiry about a proposed development between 50 and 52 Brown Hill Road and she has responded to it, but has not heard back yet. She also noted that there is a wetland that needs to be crossed to get in there, however the state rules allow such crossings for investigative purposes.

**Other**

Ms. Crystall noted that a letter was received from the Tree Farm Program about inspection and recertification of the Knox Forest until 2022. She also suggested that the Commission invite the Town Forester to one of its meetings to discuss updating the Timber Cruise document that is on the website. Ms. Crystall said that Abenaki had received permission from the Select Board to drill a well on lot 56 on Page Road and accessing the lot may require a wetlands permit.

**Minutes from 1/11/2021**

Draft minutes from 1/11/2021 were reviewed and changes were made. *Mr. Hansen made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Ms. Waskin duly seconded and motion passed by a 4:0:1 roll call vote: Ms. Waskin – yes; Mr. Hansen – yes; Ms. Crystall – yes; Mr. Dagavarian – abstained due to being absent.*

Ms. Waskin and Ms. Crystall provided an update on the logging that was done at the end of Morgan Drive . NHDES is now involved as there was a lot of stumping and grading done, which may exceed the dimensions that requires an alteration of terrain permit.

Mr. Hansen said that there were no updates on the Turkey River Watershed study and that he will keep the members informed once he learns of anything. It was agreed to add the study as the running item on the Commission agenda.

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

**Next meeting: March 15, 2021 (7 pm)**

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.