

Town of Swanzey, New Hampshire
Conservation Commission Meeting
Meeting Minutes – June 30, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Swanzey Conservation Commission was called to order by Chair Wally Smith at 4:00 p.m. at Town Hall. Commission Members Present: Chair Smith, Mike Morrison, Jane Johnson, Bob Goodrich, Mike Morrison came at 4:14pm and Steven Stepenuck came at 4:33 pm.

ABSENT

Beverly Bernard

OTHERS PRESENT

Jenna Elwell, Recording Secretary

MINUTES

- Minutes of June 6, 2016 were considered. **Motion** by Chair Smith to approve the Minutes of June 6, 2016 as amended. There was a second from Johnson. All in favor.
Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Water protection committee – Jane stated the first meeting will be held on July 14th. We will look for confirmation at the first meeting that Andrew Madison will be doing the minutes.

Swanzey Lake Property: John Bridges Survey Results – Commission is still waiting for a border resolution for the Swanzey Lake LCHIP property. Stepenuck stated he was not aware the surveyor came. We need confirmation that boundaries have been located and established.

Muster property boundary lines- The problem is some people are coming down with vehicles damaging property. Commission put out a chain to stop people from going out there. Chair Smith stated he checked on it and the chain was off. More discussion plan at the next meeting concerning erosion issues.

Motion was made by Morrison to paying for Muster Field and Swanzey Lake properties surveys. There was a second by Goodrich. All in favor. ***Motions passed***

Paul Thomas Site Plan & Subdivision Application- The plan states there will be a single story quad plex building with associated parking. 17 total units will be on property. There can be condos or apartments, builder is leaning towards condos. Commission is assuming the house on the property will remain. The planning board approved it with a contingent on the Fire Departments approval. Chair Smith sees no environmental issues.

Motion made by Chair Smith to confirm the Conservation Commission has no concerns. Seconded by Morrison. All in favor. ***Motion passed***

Teresa Howard - Retail/Service Pottery Studio – The Commission has some concern about the kiln on the property. Morrison sees no environmental impact. Fire protection precautions should be on property.

Motion made by Johnson, she sees no issues as long as it is in compliance with fire code. There was a second by Morrison. All were in favor. ***Motion passed***

Open Space Committee Rotation –They have been having fewer meetings and they have also reduced their membership which has been approved by the Board of Selectmen.

Motion was made by Johnson to discontinue committee participation until indicated that rotation would be beneficial to both committees. There was a second by Goodrich. All in favor. ***Motion passed***

Public input- committee/citizen concerns/commentary. Chair Smith would like to add a Public Input on the agenda. Steve stated he normally would suspend Roberts Rule and let the citizen speak. Commission would like a sign in sheet so they know who would like to speak at the meeting.

Notes:

- Next meeting Committee will discuss having video camera in designated areas.
- Mike will contact organization called Trail Right to help maintain our trails.

OLD BUSINESS

Anti-Dumping Ordinance – consensus from commission to draft signage to respond to the anti-dumping ordinance.

Reports:

- Update from Conservation Project Manager Stacy Grambrel about Windyhurst Farm. Grambrel stated they are requesting funding for LCHIP and 1772 foundation.

ADJOURNMENT

There was a motion to adjourn by Morrison with a second from Stepenuck. All in favor. Adjournment occurred at 5:25 p.m.