



**Town of Henniker
Conservation Commission Meeting
Wednesday December 6, 2023 7:00 PM
Grange Hall**

Members Present: Co-Chair Holly Green, Co-Chair Mark Mitch, Ross Bennett, Roni Hardy
Member’s Excused: Maegan Gagne, Selectman Scott Osgood
Recording Secretary: Hank Bernstein
Guests: Jeff Littleton, Steven Lamonde, and Arianwen Jones-Lamonde of Moosewood Ecological, Laura French of Meadowsend (via Zoom)

CALL TO ORDER

Mark Mitch called the meeting to order at 7:11PM.

ITEM #1- NATURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY (NRI) – JEFF LITTLETON, MOOSEWOOD ECOLOGICAL

Jeff Littleton, Steven Lamonde, and Arianwen Jones-Lamonde of Moosewood Ecological gave an overview of the proposed NRI. Mr. Littleton shared that they have been partnered with Chris Kane and worked with him on a multitude of projects over the past 20 years.

Moosewood asked some questions:

- Moosewood- Why now? What prompted this update? Is this part of a masterplan revision?
- Conservation Commission- An update to the NRI is overdue. There is also a new Wildlife Action Plan from New Hampshire Fish and Game.
- Moosewood- Are there areas of significant interest? Would you like a prioritization of individual parcels?
- Conservation Commission- Information on individual parcels is important, but we want to be respectful to the landowners.
- Moosewood- We understand the importance of respecting the landowners, its is important to identify focus areas.
- Moosewood- Are there issues in Henniker you would like this NRI to address? Are steep slopes a concern of the town?
- Conservation Commission- A map of steep slopes could be helpful to the Planning Board.
- Moosewood- Is there existing data that could be useful in this project?
- Conservation Commission- Henniker has some existing GIS data and there may be data from department heads that can be helpful. The Army Corp of Engineers may have some information as well.
- Conservation Commission- Is there a contract with this project?
- Moosewood- With this information we will be able to finalize the contract. Based on current information we can begin work in full force next fall.

The Conservation Commission, Moosewood Ecological, and Meadowsend discussed potential coordination.

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ITEM #2- FORESTRY MANAGEMENT PLAN (FMP)– LAURA FRENCH, MEADOWSEND

Laura French asked which property to start on. The Commission shared that the Watman property is the highest priority. Ms. French noted with the information she has she is ready to move forward but will need Conservation Easements. Mark asked if a contract is needed for this project. Ms. French noted that a letter stating the bid award should be sufficient. Mark noted he would send that letter, and Holly noted that she would acquire the Conservation Easements.

ITEM #3- REVIEW AND APPROVE OCTOBER 4, SEPTEMBER 6, AND NOVEMBER 1, 2023 DRAFT MINUTES

The Conservation Commission discussed edits to the October Minutes. **Ross moved to accept the October 4, 2023 Minutes as edited. Mark seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

The Conservation Commission discussed edits to the September Minutes. **Holly moved to accept the September 6, 2023 Minutes as edited. Mark seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

The Conservation Commission discussed edits to the November Minutes. **Mark moved to accept the November 1, 2023 Minutes as edited. Holly seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

ITEM #4- MAIL

No Mail.

ITEM #5- BUDGET MEETING UPDATE

Mark updated the Conservation Commission on the Budget Meeting. The Selectboard had no comments for the Conservation Commission Budget.

ITEM #6- ANNUAL REPORT ARTICLE

Holly presented a draft for the Annual Report. Discussion ensued. Ross moved to approve the Annual Report Article pending remarks from Mark and notes from Holly about meetings she attended. Holly seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM #7- LAND CONSERVATION PROJECT UPDATES

The Conservation Commission discussed potential Land Conservation opportunities. Holly shared that she plans to schedule a meeting but wants more information on incentives for the landowner.

ITEM #8- NHACC CONFERENCE UPDATE

Holly updated the Commission on the NH Association of Conservation Commissions Conference. Her big take away was finding ways to coordinate with other Boards. Holly asked about potential opportunities to fill the vacant Planning Board representative Conservation Commission seat. Discussion ensued.

ITEM #9- OTHER BUSINESS

The Conservation Commission discussed meeting at another location, either Town Hall or the Community Center, for their January meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Holly moved to adjourn at 9:10 PM, Ross seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Hank Bernstein
Minute Taker

Minutes Approved: 01/03/2024