

**Town of Northwood  
Conservation Commission Minutes  
March 3, 2015**

Chairman Steve Roy calls the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Chairman Stephen Roy, Vice Chairman Steven Hampl, James Ryan, Wini Young, Board Administrator Linda Smith, Board Secretary Lisa Fellows-Weaver. *Thomas Chase arrives at 7:05 p.m.*

**Absent:** Paul Lussier, Alternate Loren O'Neil, and Alternate Michael Matson.

**MINUTES**

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**Mr. Chase makes a motion, second by Mr. Roy, to approve the February 3, 2015, minutes as written. Motion passes unanimously; 5/0.**

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Ann Scholz, 133 Gulf Rd., is present on behalf of the Pleasant Lake Watershed Association (PLWA). She states that she met with the commission early summer of last year and at that time they were applying for a grant to fund a water restoration plan for Pleasant Lake. She states that they received a 604B grant, which will be managed by the Southern NH Planning Commission (SNHPC). She explains that SNHPC will be working on behalf of the PLWA; however, the PLWA will also be involved.

Ms. Scholz explains that at this time, the PLWA is in the process of selecting a consultant to do a plan. Seven consultants submitted qualifications, four have been selected, with interviews to be conducted tomorrow at NHDES. Once a consultant has been chosen, a cost estimate will be requested and once agreed upon and the funds are available the consultant will begin working.

Ms. Scholz states that at the last meeting Mr. Hampl had volunteered to be a part of the advisory committee. She states that the committee will begin meeting when a work plan has been received from the consultant.

As far as the restoration plan, Ms. Scholz explains that it will include pollutant models of the lake as well as historic modeling, pollutant loads existing conditions. Build out conditions of the lake will be looked into, and a response model will be done of the lake to see what the lake can handle. This plan will also show what needs to be focused on and treated. In addition, she adds that there will also be more detailed septic systems surveys around the lake; they are hoping to have 100% participation. She states that they will also be looking into watershed protection regulations and ordinances for Northwood and Deerfield.

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Ms. Scholz states that the grant runs through the end of December 2016. She anticipates that they will use the full window of time. Once the plan is in place, they will apply for implementation funds to begin best management practices to treat and infiltrate stormwater runoff before it gets into the lake. She mentions a few areas of concern for sediment: tributaries, Veasey Park, and the boat launch. Ms. Scholz notes that there is sediment that runs off of Gulf Rd. and there is some erosion in this area that should be addressed.

A discussion is held regarding ownership of the road and right of way. Ms. Smith states that Gulf Rd. is town maintained. Mr. Hampl adds that it is maintained only to where the tar stops.

Mr. Roy asks who has been doing the drainage work on the roadway, plowing, etc. Ms. Scholz replies that she is not sure. Ms. Smith states that she will contact the road agent to see if there is an agreement with Northwood and Deerfield.

Ms. Scholz asks if there are any existing road plans or profiles of the road and mentions that there was some work done to the road in the summer and there appears to be some drainage or overflow structures, along the Northwood side of the road. She indicates that this would be a good area to look into and do some stormwater treatment.

Mr. Roy asks about the grant program. Ms. Scholz explains that originally they were applying for a 319 grant. This grant is a 604B grant and is an easier route as it is being funneled through the regional planning commissions and is targeted towards restoration plans. The financials are handled and managed with NHDES. She adds that they will be doing a portion of the work including handling the septic system survey and some GIS work, along with review of ordinances and regulations used by other communities.

Mr. Roy asks why the project is a 604B grant. Ms. Scholz explains that the 319 grants were reduced and the competition may have been more difficult. She states that the 604B has funding for restoration and they were advised by NHDES to pursue the 604B. She adds that the 604B is also less expensive for the association as it does not require matching funds; a 319 is a split of costs and more costly.

Mr. Roy asks what the jobs will be for the consultant. Ms. Scholz states that the consultant will be doing the pollutant monitoring, reviewing all volunteer lake assessment program and water quality data, doing an onsite investigation of sub-watersheds to determine where BMP's could be located, and evaluations of what pollutant loads can be removed by the BMP. Also, preliminary designs, and cost estimates for the BMP's, fieldwork, one-on-one, and writing the

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watershed program. She states that in the end there will be a report with data, maps, and BMP locations.

Mr. Chase asks if the PLWA consists of people from one town or residents within the watersheds. Ms. Scholz states that she is a member but lives in the watershed. She is not a voting member as only members that have frontage can vote. She adds that there are members outside of the watershed who pay the association fee. She clarifies that the association is the Pleasant Lake Preservation Association, established in the 1960's.

Ms. Scholz offers to meet again with the commission to update as things progress.

**OTHER  
Hemlock Tree**

The site walk is scheduled for Sunday, March 8, at 9:00. Discussion is held regarding the location and access. Ms. Smith mentions that she did speak with Mr. Martin today who will be bringing guests along. She notes that she confirmed that there will be no charge to the commission. The commission agrees to proceed with the site walk as scheduled. Mr. Roy and Mr. Chase plan to attend.

**Representative for Scenic Byway Committee**

Ms. Smith explains that Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC) requested that the selectmen create a scenic byway committee (SBC). They have voted in favor for the committee and are requesting a representative from the conservation commission to be a part of the committee. She notes that the selectmen have also asked for a member of the planning board.

Ms. Smith reads the minutes of the planning board noting this is the upper Lamprey River Scenic Byway area and it has been accepted by NHDOT. She explains the purpose of the committee will be to gather information about the important points along the road such as natural resources, historical, cultural, etc. Mr. Roy asks what the goal is other than to capture the information. Ms. Smith replies for economic development and tourism. Ms. Smith states that the scenic byway includes Rte. 43, 4, and 107.

Ms. Smith will forward the link out to members via email.

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**Land Acquisition/Projects**

***Non-Public Session***

**Mr. Roy makes a motion, second by Mr. Chase, to enter into a non-public session per RSA 91-A3:II(d) at 7:48 p.m.**

***Roll Call Vote***

**Steve Hampl –yes**

**Jim Ryan – yes**

**Wini Young – yes**

**Tom Chase – yes**

**Steve Roy – yes**

**Motion passes unanimously; 5/0.**

**Mr. Hampl makes a motion, second by Mr. Chase, to come out of non-public session at 8:27 p.m.**

Mr. Ryan left during the non-public session at 8:00 p.m.

***Roll Call Vote***

**Steve Hampl –yes**

**Wini Young – yes**

**Tom Chase – yes**

**Steve Roy – yes**

**Motion passes unanimously; 4/0.**

**Mr. Hampl makes a motion, second by Mr. Chase, to seal the minutes.  
Motion passes unanimously; 4/0.**

**Mr. Chase makes a motion, second by Mr. Hampl, to authorize Mr. Roy to draft a letter with Ms. Smith and to send along accordingly. Motion passes; 3/0/1. Mr. Roy abstains.**

***Johnson Land Project***

The boundary plan completed by Mr. Wormell is provided and reviewed. The invoice has been submitted to the treasurer in the amount of \$1,850. Ms. Smith states that the other costs associated with the project are the title exam, which is being done now and applicable recording fees. She notes that there was a minor correction to the deed, which has been done.

Ms. Smith states that the draft deed has been sent to Peter Johnson and he has confirmed that it is sufficient. In addition, she adds that all parties have been notified and the project is moving forward.

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A discussion is held regarding the next step. Ms. Smith states that she will check with the selectmen relative to the need to hold a public hearing due to accepting land donation.

***Town Forester Cutting***

Ms. Smith states that she does not have an update from Mr. Moreno regarding the cutting. She suggests contacting Mr. Moreno regarding the Hemlock tree site walk.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Hampl makes a motion, second by Mr. Chase, to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.  
Motion passes unanimously; 4/0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Fellows-Weaver  
Board Secretary