

**Town of Northwood
Conservation Commission Minutes
May 2, 2017**

Chair Grace Levergood calls the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Chair Grace Levergood, Vice Chair Shelley Frost, Steve Hampl, Tom Chase, Steve Roy, and Wini Young.

**Steve Roy was not reappointed to the Conservation Commission at the time of this meeting*

Town Staff Present:

Board Administrator Linda Smith and Land Use Secretary Susan Austin

Mr. Roy made a motion to move the minutes review to the end of the agenda. Mr. Hampl seconded the motion. Vote 6/0.

Discussion on Map 202 Lot 1

Ms. Smith stated that because this is a town property, they do not need to go into non-public to discuss this. She stated that this property has gone out to bid. The selectmen have received bids and made a tentative approval of one of the bids. The last meeting, when the bids were read, Mr. Roy was hoping to be able to come and talk to the selectmen. Unfortunately, he had a commitment and could not make it. She stated that she sent a memo from the commission stating the position of the position relative to that lot and asked the selectmen they could hold off in making a final decision until the next meeting. They did discuss the idea of a conservation easement. They weren't opposed, but they were concerned that the person who is purchasing the property would pass because they did not include it in the original bid process. They said that they would give it some thought. They contacted the person with the highest bid and she responded that she was not opposed to it, but she did not want to incur the cost of it. Mr. Gunter and the purchaser spoke and she contacted Bear Paw, they gave her a budget of \$14,500. She stated that she was bringing this before the commission to see if there was any interest in the commission to pay for the costs. Mr. Roy stated that in 2010, the BOS reached out to the commission to let them know that if they wanted to conserve this parcel, it was available. The commission stated that they were interested, and then it wasn't discussed again. It's come back up again, because an abutter contacted the BOS stating that they wanted to buy it. Mr. Roy stated that they spoke about putting a conservation easement on this lot prior to selling it at the last meeting. Ms. Levergood clarified that they were asking for \$14,500 for the easement costs. Ms. Smith stated that they should add a bit of a buffer because the costs could be a little more. Mr. Roy stated that the decision tonight would be whether or not to expend the money for the easement. There isn't a purchase and sales yet, so the decision has to be made tonight or they will go forward with the sale without the easement in place.

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CONSIDERATION of APPLICATIONS:

1. Stephen & Jean Calculator, minimum shoreland impact application. The applicant would like to install stone wall along a walkway heading towards the waterline. The applicant included photographs with computer simulated landscaping in order to show the commission what the final project would look like. Mr. Roy suggested that the applicant indicate that the photos submitted were taken when the lake was full, so that they would understand that the lake was full at the time. He also stated that since it was a minor application, they were not required to sign, they would just forward it to the Town Clerk. If the commission signs it, they would be waiving their right to intervene in the future. He also stated that he thought that he should add that they indicate where the silt screen would be placed prior to the start of work.

Mr. Chase made a motion to sign the application. Mr. Hampl seconded. Motion carried 6/0.

2. Melissa Coyle, 19 Esther Lane, permit by notification application. She would like to replace the existing dock with an aluminum framed dock with polyproelyne skids.

She provided the commission with photos and descriptions of the project. She would like this processed within 10 days.

Ms. Frost made a motion to accept the permit application and to sign. Mr. Chase seconded. Motion carried 6/0.

Minutes

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Mr. Chase made a motion to accept the minutes of April 4, 2017 as written. Ms. Frost seconded. Motion carried 6/0.

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Ms. Young stated that she met with the Selectmen prior to the meeting this evening. She stated that they still have same concerns about parking, but they may attend the scheduled Site walk on Saturday at 9AM.

**Mr. Chase made a motion to adjourn at 9:06 PM. Mr. Hampl seconded.
Motion carried 6/0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Austin, Land Use Secretary