

**Town of Northwood
Conservation Commission Minutes
August 1, 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, and Wini Young.

Voting Designation: Chair Grace Levergood, Steve Hampl, Tom Chase, and Wini Young.

Town Staff:

Linda Smith, Board Administrator and Susan Austin, Land Use Secretary.

Minutes

Mr. Chase made a motion to accept the minutes of July 11, 2017 as amended. Mr. Hampl seconded. Motion carried 4/0.

Public Input

Betsy Chadwick was present as a Northwood resident to state her support for the Bennett Island Forever project. She stated that an easement that would prevent development on the island. She stated that one of the objections is public access. She stated that it's an island, and you don't have to be on the land to enjoy the island. She stated that perhaps fewer people might be a good thing. Preserving it as it is with the wildlife not being disturbed is a good point. She feels that it is a beautiful area and citizens have put in money to help preserve it so they must mean it.

Mr. Chase stated that they had hoped to meet with the Selectmen next week, along with Dan Kern, but since that meeting was being held tonight, so they will be meeting on the 22nd. The Commission had voted to donate up to \$25,000.

Ms. Frost arrived at 7:10 PM

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Kevin Hatch, LLS from Cornerstone Survey Associates and Eric Swindell were present to speak for an expedited dredge and Fill application for Map 228 Lot 9, Winding Hill Road. Mr. Hatch stated that they would like to install a drive way across the designated wetland, and they need to install a culvert in order to do so. It is a proposed single-family home on 10.6 acres.

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Ms. Levergood stated that she would like the permit is limited to a single-family home. Ms. Frost stated that they should note the underground utilities on the plan.

Ms. Frost made a motion to sign the expedited application with the condition that the permit is limited to a single-family home and the utilities are noted on the application. Mr. Hampl seconded. Motion carries 5/0.

Red Listed Bridge RFQ:

Ms. Smith stated that Mr. Gunter requested that someone from the committee sit in on the review of the quotes. She stated that it would be a rating of each engineering firm based on qualifications of each firm. Mr. Gunter felt that the commission should be involved in this part of the process and he has asked Ms. Frost. Ms. Frost stated that she felt it was too early in this process, and felt they should wait until the shore land permits are filed.

Update on Guptill Land Trails:

Ms. Young stated that Mark West was going to get the trail permit for the stream crossing. She stated that she hasn't heard back yet from the UNH intern yet, but she did contact Mike Evans, the corrections officer in charge of the prisoner work detail, requesting more time for trail work.

She read into the record an email that she sent to Mr. Gunter dated July 17, 2017.

Good Morning Joe, Linda and Grace,

As I continue to work on the trails, I would like to remove myself from any discussion about the signage on the athletic fields. I want to work on the Conservation Commission side of the stone wall, that is, the trails themselves. I strongly feel that the choice of signs and where and when to put them up on the athletic fields should be made by the Recreation Commission and the Board of Selectmen, not by me or the CC. In meetings with the Rec Com and the BOS this spring when they were strongly against any access to the trails from the athletic fields until the can assess how adequate the parking is, I stated that I was not proposing any access to the trails from the athletic fields I made the statements a representative of the CC. I want to keep that position and leave signage and access as a decision of the Rec Com and the BOS.

Wini.

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She stated that she received an email from Mr. Gunter stating that the Board of Selectmen have asked for a budget change and would like to allocate the entire \$20,000 for the construction of the budget.

Ms. Levergood stated that she would attend the Board of Selectmen meeting in regards to the Bennett Island project to ask the Board if they will support that the town become executory easement holders of the portion of the island in Northwood.

**Mr. Chase made a motion to adjourn at 8:12 PM. Mr. Hampl seconded.
Motion carried 5/0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Austin, Land Use Secretary