

**Town of Northwood
Conservation Commission Minutes
September 6, 2016**

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

Present: Chairman Steve Roy, Vice Chair Shelley Frost, Steven Hampl, Wini Young, James Ryan, Grace Levergood, and Land Use Secretary Susan Jastremski-Austin.

Absent: Tom Chase

MINUTES
August 2, 2016

Page 4, line 5: Insert paragraph describing the history of the Northwood Conservation Commission with the development of the subdivision.

Page 4, line 23: add "as reference numbers for the timber cut with the town, those numbers do not correspond with the current map and lot to the open space."

Page 5, line 43: change "developer" to "development"

Page 5, line 44 insert "impacts"

Chairman Roy makes a motion to accept the minutes as amended, Ms. Frost seconds. Vote 6/0

Northwood Dams and Lakes meeting in October

Chairman Roy states they need to pick a date. He suggests the 19th of October. The commission agrees on this date.

Chairman Roy has drafted a letter to invite the lake associations to the fall presentation. He will forward the draft to the members for input.

Mary Waldron Beach.

Chairman Roy states that at the August 2nd meeting, the town administrator gave an overview to the commission about the work that was done in the Mary Waldron Beach parking lot. Mr. Gunter stated that there was no shoreland permit issued and the project was complete. Chairman Roy would like to file a complaint with DES and would like the commission to decide if he should file as an individual or as a commission. He feels that if they filed as a commission it would make more of a point to the town. He has pre-project pictures, as well as post-project pictures.

Mr. Hampl asks what would the town have to do to fix the parking lot. Chairman Roy states that the edge of the pavement is just less than 40 feet from the shore. So they might have to move it further or rip the parking lot up.

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Ms. Frost states maybe a channel could be put in. Chairman Roy states that regardless, a lot of fill has been brought in.

Chairman Roy makes a motion to submit a complaint to DES about the paving of the parking lot at Mary Waldron Beach. Ms. Frost seconds. Vote 6/0.

2017 Budget requests.

Chairman Roy starts a discussion on budget requests. He explains for the newer members of the commission that every year they need to pitch a new budget, and if they make any changes to any line item, it is a request at this point that he would need to justify at the budget review meeting.

Ms. Frost states that the Southeast Watershed Alliance is drafting a letter to send to member towns to request that money be set aside to support their activities. The DES had promised about \$30,000 and delivered only half of that. They have no other means of support at the moment. Ms. Frost states that she'd like to request that they set aside \$300 to give to them. Chairman Roy states that they would need an official letter from them stating what the money would be used for in order to give them the money.

Chairman Roy states that the commission needs to think about what equipment they might need, and any training or conferences. They have up until December to make any changes. Anything spent after that would have to be specifically approved by the Selectmen.

Chairman Roy states that they could level fund going into 2017, and just stick with the adopted figures from 2016. Ms. Frost states that she thinks they might be challenged on the contracted services if they go with level funding. Chairman Roy states that they wouldn't be if they have a project in mind to present to the budget committee. He states that something could come out of the lake meeting in October. Mr. Hampl states that there is also a possibility of a project coming out of Pleasant Lake Watershed project. Chairman Roy states that if they decide to request \$2000 for contracted services, then there is a possibility of using that project for the basis of that figure. Ms. Young also points out that she would like to see some money put aside for paying a wetland scientist such as Bill Wormell someone to walk through the Guptil Lamprey pasture to check for sensitive areas along proposed trail routes or for paying to build a bridge. Chairman Roy states that since there are a few projects he could see being the basis for the \$2000 in contracted services, but

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they have until December to decide what exactly they will propose. He thinks they should do level funding for 2017 right now.

Chairman Roy makes a motion to stay with level funding for 2017. Ms. Frost seconds. Vote 6/0.

Internal Business

Chairman Roy passes out information about the NALMC 10 year celebration on September 10.

Adjournment

Mr. Ryan makes a motion to adjourn at 7:54. Chairman Roy seconds. Vote 6/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Jastremski-Austin

Land Use Secretary