

**Town of Northwood  
Conservation Commission Minutes  
January 2, 2018**

Vice Chair Shelly Frost calls the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Vice Chair Shelly Frost, Fred Borman, Steve Hampl, Tom Chase, and Wini Young.

**Voting Designation:** Vice Chair Shelly Frost, Fred Borman, Steve Hampl, Tom Chase, and Wini Young.

**Town Staff:**

Board Administrator Linda Smith and Land Use Secretary Susan Austin.

**Minutes**

**Mr. Chase made a motion to accept the minutes of December 5, 2017 as amended with edits that do not alter the content of the wording. Mr. Borman seconded. Motion carried 4/0/1 Ms. Frost abstained.**

**Lamprey River Watershed Association**

Ms. Smith stated that they had received an email from Ann Scholz regarding the Lamprey River Watershed. Ms. Scholz had read in the Forum that the selectmen received a letter from the LRWA stating that they would like a representative from Northwood, and she would like to be the Northwood Representative.

Ms. Smith stated that the commission is not a member of that association. Mr. Chase stated that they should support them and become a due paying member if they are going to appoint a representative.

**Mr. Chase made a motion to recommend Ann Scholz to represent Northwood for the Lamprey River Watershed Association, and pay the \$100 as dues to support the organization. Ms. Young seconded. Motion carried 4/1. Mr. Hampl voted no.**

**Guptill Lamprey Pasture Trail Update.**

Ms. Young presented the commission with the final version of the trails map. She stated that Ms. Deeley was willing to give them the file, and Ms. Austin stated that she could tweak it if she sent the proper format. The commission discussed map sizes and mounting options.

**Ms. Young made a motion to accept the trails map. Mr. Chase seconded. Motion carried 5/0.**

Ms. Young stated that they should contact the Lombards and show them the map, and to let them know that they are doing everything they can to keep people from accessing the lot through their property.

**Town Forest Project**

Fred Borman stated that he had talked to the assessor and got some information from him. He stated that when he was looking at the town maps, he found a few more town

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properties that the assessor didn't give to him, so he would like to come in and look at that a little more thoroughly.

**Internal Business**

Ms. Young stated that she thought they should set up a protocol for applicants coming in front of the commission as the first step before they went to either planning board or the zoning board, when required in the regulations. She stated that it would make more sense if when they came in, instead of it being rushed, they would have the time to listen to the case, ask questions and possibly go for a site walk before they send any recommendations. She felt that they have been rushed into making decisions. Ms. Austin stated that there is a case in front of the zoning board that the commission did hear and wrote a letter about. She stated that they are a part of the process, and it did seem very rushed at the time.

**Ms. Frost made a motion to allow one person to represent the commission at the January 22<sup>nd</sup> ZBA meeting. Mr. Borman seconded. Motion carried 5/0**

*Mr. Chase left at 8:25 PM.*

**Voting Designation**

Vice-Chair Shelly Frost, Steve Hampl, Wini Young, and Fred Borman.

**Correspondence**

Ms. Frost read a thank you card from Bear Paw.

*Dear Conservation Commission Members,*

*As a Northwood representative to the Board of Directors of Bear Paw, I want to thank you for your membership renewal. Your partnership and support of Bear Paw's mission makes a real difference in our efforts to preserve our town's natural resources.*

*Again, thank you and all the best for the New Year.*

*Grace Mattern*

**Ms. Frost made a motion to adjourn at 8:52. Mr. Hampl seconded. Motion carried 4/0**

***Respectfully submitted,***

***Susan Austin, Land Use Secretary***

***Official on February 6, 2018***