

Conservation Commission Minutes DRAFT  
Jan. 2, 2018 (Tuesday)  
5:30 PM, Town Office

Present: Commission members: Tom Seidel, Brian Byrne, Pam Smillie, Mark Ross-Parent  
Members of public: Joyce Allen  
Hank Benesh filmed. Susan Ross-Parent took notes.

**Review Minutes** (Nov. 6 Meeting) - no changes, minutes approved.

**Annual Report** - read over, thank you Margaret Graciano for compiling Annual Report,

Report, with minor corrections, will go back to Margaret and once edited she'll send it to town office for the town report.

**Prospect Farm**

Subcommittee will start its work on the use plan - past plans and notes in CC file cabinet for reference.

Signs need reinforcement/repair.

Tom met with UNH Ext. Office to complete a questionnaire of town conservation land over 10 acres and how the land is used and maintained. UNH Extension will help us find resources to help with conservation land (tool library, knotweed maintenance and volunteer work crews, creating management plans ...)

**Jackson Falls**

Deeds to investigate: Tom looked through a number of deeds showing portions of town ownership, town right of ways, easement, that had been studied in 2005 - and a lot that needs to be updated on the town tax map. Both sides of the river have access, right of way, easement and ownership questions.

Big picture in the next year regarding erosion mitigation -

-Covering the big roots and revegetate the areas that washed out. Suggestion to compare Alice Pepper's map from the 1980s to what is there now and ways to mark the shore so that erosion can be measured from now on. Options that may eventually be needed - hardscape to keep road in tact- if erosion continues apace. -Parking: signs for overflow parking and changing sign direction on Valley Cross so that they are more visible. Eliminate parallel parking? Locals- only parking? (Research needed to verify rules of designated parking areas on state right of ways: Joyce offers to contact Kenny Crowther of the State Dept Transportation. How does the Police Chief see the amount of time needed for enforcement? Selectmen want most invested group to bring forward the suggestion of locals-only designated parking. ) A CC member suggested that the town give designated parking a try if citizens want it, and questioned whether 4 designated parking spots would impact the erosion issues, and that maybe it isn't CC who need to recommend this? Would be nice if there's a place for townspeople to park. Joyce Allen adds: did a straw poll and found more people than she expected in favor of town designated spots. She is in favor of the "feel good" aspect of being able to access one's own town swimming area - comparing to Diana's Bath. Is it overuse or improper use? Conversation to continue.  
-Check dams need to be cleaned out - annual maintenance/upkeep

**Gray's Inn - no news.**

### **Conservation Easements**

Annual monitoring

SPNHF - Wild Valley Trail area

Jackson Ski Touring Foundation owned area along Ellis - trail easement and a watershed easement - USDA holds the easement - this area has several entities working together: USDA, National Forest, Jackson Water Precinct

### **New Business / Public Comment**

[UNH Granit Map](#): On-line mapping service with UNH will have the easements on the map.

**Next meeting at 5:30 Feb. 5, 2018.**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.**

As always, the public is encouraged to attend and share their vision for the use of Jackson town properties and other conservation priorities. Our meetings are typically at 5:30 PM at the town office building on the first Monday of each month

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Ross-Parent