

Town of Jackson Conservation Commission
Minutes - July 12th, 2021 - Regular Meeting
- UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED

Call to Order: Jeff Sires, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M. Attending were Members Jeff Sires, Ken Kimball, Brian Byrne, Ben Halcyon, Mike Dufilho, Pam Smillie, and Alternate Dick Bennett. Member Tom Seidel informed Chairman Sires he would not be able to attend. Public attendees included Hank Benesh. Audio and video recorded by Hank Benesh will be made available on Jacksonflicks.com.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the March and May meetings were not available at time of meeting. Their respective reviews were tabled until the August meeting. Minutes from the June 7th meeting were reviewed. **Member Halcyon moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Member Byrne. The motion was approved unanimously.**

2021 Officers: The Commission continued discussion from the June meeting to decide the slate of officers for 2021. Chairman Sires volunteered again to remain as Chair so long as other Members had no desire to fill the position, and Member Byrne echoed this attitude for his position as Vice-Chair. Chairman Sires spoke on behalf of Member Smillie, who was not present at time of discussion, informing the Commission of her desire to continue as Clerk. **Member Dufilho moved to approve the slate of Jeff Sires, Brian Byrne, and Pam Smillie as Chair, Vice-Chair, and Clerk, respectively, and Member Kimball seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.**

Prospect Farm: The Commission reviewed a draft of the General Management Plan for Prospect Farm presented by Member Kimball. The draft was composed from a compilation of regard for the wishes of the donors who originally donated the land on Prospect Farm to the Town, for the decision by the town when voting to accept the donated land as recreation ground, for the wishes of abutting landowners who might be impacted by use of Prospect Farm, and for feedback received from the questionnaire in early 2021. The document opened with a background of Prospect Farm's history, then proceeded to detail various recommendations. The Board reviewed the recommendations one-by-one, discussing their thoughts on each item and making notes for changes to make to improve the draft.

Jackson Falls: Member Dufilho presented an informational sign to be posted at Jackson Falls. Chairman Sires stated that the Commission had received funding to erect an information kiosk to accompany the sign and that he was in contact with a representative from Recon Trail Design to install the kiosk. The Commission remained in agreement on a work day planned for autumn; an exact date was not decided at time of meeting.

Member Kimball mentioned several non-resident taxpayers in Jackson being upset about being unable to use the designated resident-only parking spaces at Jackson Falls. Other Commission Members mentioned the designated spots either being occupied by out-of-state vehicles or being left empty when passing the Falls.

Gray's Inn: Due to time constraints, discussion on this item was held off until the next meeting.

Wildcat River: Chairman Sires reported to the Commission an opportunity for a Wild and Scenic Rivers grant with a deadline for submission of July 28th. He proposed holding discussion after the meeting with Member Dufilho about submitting the application, and Member Dufilho agreed. **Member Kimball moved to have Chairman Sires submit the grant application, and Member Byrne seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.**

Wetlands: Chairman Sires stated that the Commission received an after-the-fact minimum impact wetlands permit submitted by wetlands scientist Greg Howard for a property off of NH Route 16. A copy was submitted to the Wetlands Subcommittee through Member Byrne for review.

Public Comment: Public attendees did not express any public comments for non-agenda discussion.

Other Business: **Chairman Sires moved to adjourn the meeting, and Member Smillie seconded. The motion was approved unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted by Will Reisig