

1 **LYNDEBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

2 Oct 10, 2019

3 Members in Attendance: Sharon Akers, Gregg Kreider, Lucius Sorrentino, Theresa Berna, Kurt Berna, Kris
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5 Absent: Margaret Hagen, Mike Decubellis

6 Guest: Mark Chamberlain (Board of Selectmen Chair), Rick McQuade (Board of Selectmen), David Cianci
7 (Co-Owner of Union Coffee Co.), Bart Hunter (Wilton Conservation Commission), and Peter Howd
8 (Wilton Conservation Commission)

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10 **Warrant Article 18: Lyndeborough Town Forest Conservation Easement**

11 Greg presented notes on his meeting with the Selectmen

12 Selectmen are not interested in selling the forest to PLC to offset or reduce cost. They believe that if we
13 own the land then we maintain access and potential future logging. Mark noted that if someone is going
14 to do select logging that should be the town and we should maintain control of our town forest.

15 Greg noted that the Easement language would have to be reviewed and approved by town counsel and
16 Selectmen.

17 Greg motioned to select PLC as partner and engage them in potentially holding the Easement, Theresa
18 seconded, all in favor.

19 Sharon motioned that we inquire about the deferred payments approach with the PLC, Greg seconded,
20 all in favor. Kurt will contact the PLC to discuss next steps with the Easement process and payment/
21 deferment options.

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23 **Purgatory Falls Trail Clean-up**

24 David Cianci (Co-Owner of Union Coffee Co.) attended the meeting to inform and ask commission
25 members to join their efforts for a trail clean-up at Purgatory Falls. He is organizing a meet up on
26 Saturday (10/26) at 9:00 at the lower falls parking lot to clean the trail from the parking lot to the lower
27 falls. Another group will perform trail work at the upper falls. Union Coffee will be providing bags and
28 free coffee to all volunteers and will process the garbage since they have access to single stream
29 recycling. The volunteers should wear boots and have their own gloves.

30 Several commission members illustrated interest and asked for details on the sign up. David will send
31 Sharon the final agenda with instructions on how to sign up.

32 Sharon asked if the land owners have been contacted regarding this activity, and David said no and that
33 he was hoping the Commissions could take on that effort. David also noted that Mont Vernon is going to
34 post a note (poster) about the clean-up day at the trail heads.

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Purgatory Falls Trail – Bridge at Upper Falls

Sharon noted that the bridge has been adjusted and is currently useable but that it still needs to be replaced or repaired for safe access across the brook.

Kris noted that John Hopkins from the Greenfield Trail Association can organize a group to build the bridge with material we provide, or employ them to purchase materials and build the bridge. The soonest they could perform site survey and cost would be November. Theresa noted that purchasing materials may be difficult at this time, especially if we are considering contributing to the cost of the Town Forest Easement.

Bart Hunter from the Wilton Conservation Commission offered to go take a look, measure, and devise a plan as well to repair or construct a new bridge.

Theresa asked if David Cianci could help organize volunteers for the bridge repair/rebuild and he stated yes he could but would need a month to organize.

Asphalt plant

Bart Hunter and Peter Howd from the Wilton Conservation Commission presented information regarding the proposed asphalt plan in Wilton and its potential impacts on the area including Lyndeborough. The concern is that the plant operations will affect air and water quality, increase industrial traffic in a residential area, and contains hazardous volatile materials that expose hazards to the public. Quinn Properties, LLC has applied for a variance to section [8.2.6](#) of the Wilton Zoning Ordinance to allow the construction of an asphalt batch plant and silo on Lot B-10, 50 Quinn Drive, which would be 68 and 72 feet in height respectively, where the ordinance limits structures to a maximum height of 45 feet.

The Town of Wilton Zoning Board of Adjustment will consider this application in a public hearing in the Wilton Lyndeborough Cooperative High School on Wednesday October 23, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Discussion:

Lou asked if the planning board can stop the plant development with regulations or by rewriting them to prevent heavy industrial work.

Greg asked if Lyndeborough has a heavy industrial zone. Mark thought that the town only has a light industrial zone, but will look into it.

Mark, noted that the town is an abutter so we would have same rights.

Is there a way to of accessing the current owner, track record of current compliance?

What is the impact of blasting schedules?

Peter noted that no realtors have gone on record about diminishing property value and we need a voice from this group.

71 Kris asked what do Selectmen need from us to make an educated decision/position? How can we add to
72 the conversation? Mark noted that the more facts we have the better we are at coming to a position.

73 Kris will look into air quality issues and prepare information for meeting with Selectmen. There is a
74 concern with air quality as the DEA describes a 2 mile radius impact from such plants.

75 Kurt asked if we have a plan of the proposed plant as reference? Kris will contact Peter to get a copy of
76 the plan for our research. Representative Chris Balch has created a summary which is also a resource.

77 Kurt asked if the Wilton Fire Department is capable of handling an industrial fire? The understanding is
78 that a foam treatment is required for an industrial fire. Rick noted that the Wilton FD is part of a group
79 of towns with a shared hazardous foam system resource.

80 Rick asked if anyone reached out to the Town of Amherst in regards to water quality issues or other data
81 from their asphalt plant? Kurt stated that he would reach out to the town.

82 Mark will contact the NRPC to see if they have current traffic counts or estimate potential impact by the
83 plant.

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85 Action:

86 The Selectmen, Conservation Commission, and planning board will meet Thursday October 17, 2019 at
87 6:30 10/17/19 to discuss, review research, and come to a decision on a town position to be presented at
88 the upcoming Wilton ZBA meeting as is our right as a notified abutter.

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90 **Budget:**

91 Kris will ask Greenfield Trail Association for an estimate on the upper falls bridge so that we can add to
92 our budget.

93 Kurt will contact PLC regarding payment schedule for Easement so that we can plan in budget.

94 Greg motioned to renew the \$200 annual contribution to the NHACC as it is an educational resource,
95 Theresa seconded, all in favor

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97 **Review of minutes:**

98 Theresa motioned to approve the 9/22/19 minutes with changes, Greg seconded, all in favor

99 Corrections and additions provided for the 9/12/19 minutes and will be rewritten for review at the next
100 meeting.

104 **Mail:**

105 Letter of invite from the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC) to attend
106 their annual meeting on Nov 2nd.

107 **Other business:**

108 Greg hiked the new trail in the town forest with a representative from the Nashua Regional Planning
109 Committee (NRPC) to collect GPS data so that they could add to their system. Mark questioned if the
110 NRPC could provide support with updating town maps for stone bridges, cellar holes, culverts and will
111 contact them to inquire. Greg noted that they also provide service to create trail maps for the public to
112 be posted at trailheads or online.

113 Chris Constantino from the Milford Conservation Commission is planning to have DES present the new
114 wetland ordinances and asked if we would be interested in joining them. Currently planning for the first
115 Thursday in December. We as a commission are interested and will notify Chris.

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117 Adjourned 8:41

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