



Lyndeborough Conservation Commission

9 Citizens' Hall Road
Lyndeborough NH 03082
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DATE:	Thursday July 13, 2023
TIME:	6:30 PM
LOCATION:	Citizens Hall, Lyndeborough NH

Meeting began at 6:37 PM

Attendance

REGULAR		ALTERNATES	
John Pomer (Chair)	√	Margaret Hagen	√
Mark Chamberlain (Selectman)	√		
Kurt Berna	√		
Theresa Berna	√		
Michael Decubellis	√		

A = absence, no notification

E = excused absence, notified before meeting

√ = present

Minutes

1. Minutes for April 13, 2023, reviewed
2. No corrections.
 - a. Mike motioned to approve the minutes
 - b. Margaret seconded.
 - c. Vote was unanimous for approval.
 - d. Mark abstained from the vote

Bank Balance as of 03/31/23

1. \$32,539.22

New business

- 1.) Commission membership
 - a. Town residents Doug Powers and Dave Roemer expressed interest in becoming members of the conservation commission.
 - b. John will recommend their appointment to the Select board
 - c. Mike noted his interest in moving from a full member to alternate.
 - d. State indicates 7 members, no limit to alternates, Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, we will have to check with Town if they align with State guidelines
 - e. Proposed list of members:
 - i. John – Chair
 - ii. Theresa – Full
 - iii. Kurt – Full
 - iv. Doug – Full
 - v. Dave – Full

- vi. Mike – alternate (from full to alternate)
- vii. Margaret - Alternate
- f.
- 2.) The Piscataquog Land Conservancy (PLC) has the opportunity to purchase a 22-acre property on the slopes of Rose Mountain in Lyndeborough and currently looking for support with fundraising.
 - a. \$50,000 needed to cover land purchase and closing costs, only \$5,000 remaining in fundraising effort
 - b. Tax Map 209 Lot 2
 - c. The current easement on the property allows access to Scout road, so the land could potentially be developed if not protected
 - d. Mark identified his concern with restrictions that may be applied to the property, if we use town money then the public should be guaranteed access
 - e. According to PLC; Permitted uses include foot travel, mountain biking, hunting and fishing, snowmobiling, cross country skiing, horses, dogs (leashed), non-motorized boat use, snowmobiling, horses, and geocaching and orienteering activities. Uses not permitted include motorized vehicles; camping and fires; trapping, baiting, or feeding wildlife; technical climbing, war and paintball games, target shooting, and metal detecting
 - f. Scout road is Class VI road designation ends at the officially it ends at the rock wall (entrance) to PLC easement (Tax Map 209 Lot1)
 - g. What happens if PLC goes bankrupt? Property ownership would be turned over to a similar organization (i.e. Forest Society).
 - h. Mike motioned to hold a public hearing for the purpose of donating \$5,000 of Conservation Commission funds toward the PLC purchase of Tax Map 209 Lot2.
 - i. Kurt Seconded
 - ii. All in Favor
 - iii. Mark abstained from vote
 - i. Need to have public hearing for releasing funds (10 days after post)
 - j. Margaret will Craft language for the public hearing

Old and/or Ongoing Business (Projects)

- 1. Town Forest
 - a. A Conservation Commission subcommittee had started working on easement language in 2020 with the Piscataquog Land Conservancy (PLC). The objective was to protect Town land that is located on the side of Rose Mountain so that access to the summit was maintained for Town residents. The committee started to identify a list of activities that would be permitted under the easement to share with the Selectmen.
 - b. Need to update subcommittee members
 - c. The boiler plate document from the PLC contains all scenarios and the subcommittee will have to reduce the language to simplify and focus on the protections that reflect our Town goals.

Topics for next agenda:

Town Forest Easement Language, subcommittee update

Identify Town conservation easements that the commission is to monitor
NRI update

Backlog:

Construct Commission Guiding principles

Next Meeting 08/10/23 at 6:30 PM

Adjourned: 7:53 PM

- a. Doug motioned to adjourn.
- b. Dave seconded.
- c. Vote to adjourn was unanimous.