



# Lyndeborough Conservation Commission

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DATE:	Thursday February 10, 2022
TIME:	6:30 PM
LOCATION:	Citizens Hall, Lyndeborough NH

Meeting began at 6:35 PM

## Attendance

REGULAR		ALTERNATES	
John Pomer (Chair)	√	Kris Henry	A
Gregory Kreider (Vice Chair)	√	Margaret Hagen	A
Kurt Berna	√	Sharon Akers	√
Theresa Berna	√	Michael Decubellis	A
Mark Chamberlain (Selectman)	√		

A = absence, no notification

E = excused absence, notified before meeting

√ = present

## Minutes

1. Minutes from Jan 13, 2022
  - a. Mark motioned to accept the minutes as corrected
  - b. Greg Seconded
  - c. Vote to accept was unanimous

## Budget

1. Balance as of 01/31/2022, \$13,578.31

## Old and/or Ongoing Business (Projects)

1. Wetlands buffer language update
  - a. We learned that the Warrant Articles for the 2022 Town Meeting were not posted properly and timely and therefore the articles would not be included in this year's meeting.
  - b. Zoning can only be modified through town meeting and therefore the commission will have to present a recommendation again to the planning board for next years' Town meeting.
  - c. Commission will revisit the setback language and align setback regulations with adjoining towns.
  - d. The commission to provide public information on the justification for the wetland setback, and post on the town website, create presentation boards for the planning board and town meetings, and release a newspaper article.

- e. Draft a letter to submit to the planning board to illustrate our disappointment as this oversight as it will delay the protection of the Town's valuable natural resources. The Commission will also request that any subdivision is to be reviewed by the Conservation Commission. The next planning board meeting is (2/17)
- 2. Theresa suggested that we look at current resources in town to protect as neighboring communities have had issues with access to natural resources after change in land ownership. Identify the properties we would like to maintain access to and start that conversation with the landowners.
  - a. Properties of high value; Winn Mt, Purgatory Falls, Pinnacle Mt, ridgeline from Pinnacle to Rose Mt, Emory Road
  - b. Land Trusts are interested in land preservation and not maintaining trail easements, similar concerns for land-owners. How can we protect these areas?
    - i. Greg will research trail easements and Kurt and Theresa will contact the Friends of the Wapack organization as they might have information on how they protected sections of that trail which are on private land.
    - ii. Other towns have included trail easement language in their development regulations to protect existing trail access. This is something for con com to investigate.
  - c. Emory Road is currently classified as a Class 6 road, could potentially be re-classified as a Class A Trail to further protect this Town resource.
  - d. Reach out to other Town Commissions to combine efforts to maintain access to valuable resources and places of interest in Town.

## **New Business**

- 1. What can be done at the Town level to support conservation and specifically how to help residents preserve land?
  - a. Land Trusts are interested in large contiguous land masses for preservation and many land-owners have smaller isolated properties that they want to protect.
  - b. Creating conservation easements requires knowledge of the process and is costly, so how can the Town provide financial and procedure support?
- 2. Mark is looking for feedback on the following topics:
  - a. Possibility of having virtual or online meetings, the initiative is to support meeting attendance as a lack of quorum prevents progress. The commission discussed and agreed that it is preferred to maintain the person to person discussions and had concerns with the residents having access to this public meeting.
  - b. Another consideration was to reduce the quorum needed for voting, though the con com is already at the minimum of 3 of the regular membership of 5. Alternates can fill-in as regular members for voting and the Selectmen's Rep is also available if the topic is not a conflict of interest with the Selectmen's position.

Next Meeting 3/10/22 at 6:30 PM Citizens hall

**Adjourned:** 8:00 PM

- a. Greg motioned to adjourn.
- b. John seconded.
- c. Vote to adjourn was unanimous.