

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
JULY 26, 2022
3PM TOWN SQUARE MEETING ROOM

The meeting was called to order at 3:01pm.

Attendees: Irit Levy, chair; John Recine, ex-officio; Jennie Lucas, member; Becca and Charles Hastings, members; Cyndy Piekos, alternate; Mark Decoteau, Town Manager; Dylan Tucker, Wastewater Treatment Chief Operator.

Old Business:

No update on Snow's Brook mitigation project. Rick and Mark need to connect regarding Rick's recent recommendations.

The minutes from the June 28, 2022 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mark Decoteau prepared a multipage report covering in much detail many of the public works improvement projects the town is working on, both conceptually and currently underway.

- Conservation Observation report 6/7/2022 regarding non-dark sky compliant lighting at Golden Eagle Lodge – Director Noyes met with GEL management and they agreed to look at downward facing light installation within the next 60 days.
- Water Line Extension Project – this project will be fully mobilized by August 1. Installation of the river crossing and transmission line from Well #3 to the treatment building is expected to take 5-6 weeks. A 10 ft. fence will be installed around the treatment building area.
- Road Project – Wetlands permit was issued by NHDES. Drainage structures and subsurface investigations will take place this fall, with reclamation, base work and paving scheduled for spring 2023.
- Well #4 Maintenance – new beaver activity in the area – two dams and subsequent pond formation – has created concern that the potential for contamination exists at well #4 as the activity is within 65 feet of the well. The beavers are going to be removed and the new dams will be broken down. Mitigation measure may be implemented to ensure additional dams are not constructed in this area in the future.

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – extensive update – the 60% Design Report will be presented to the Selectboard in September who will then choose a plant option for the 90% design process, following public hearings. There is a hard deadline for the new plant to be operational by Oct. 1, 2026, which is when our current plant's EPA permit expires. Dylan and Mark went over considerations involved in design, financing, timeline, and fielded many questions.

New Business:

Lot 32(c) – the need to have the lot surveyed was discussed, the importance of which depends on what the town wishes to do with it. It was agreed that we will plan a walk-through of the parcel in the fall and discuss options at that time.

Mark suggested that review of drought conditions should be a regular agenda item for the Commission.

The date of the next meeting was set for August 30, 2022 at 3pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35pm.