

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
November 15, 2022
3PM TOWN OFFICES MEETING ROOM

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:03pm
2. Attendees: Irit Levy, chair; John Recine, ex-officio; Jennie Lucas, vice chair; Charles and Rebecca Hastings, members; Cyndy Piekos, alternate; Steve Royer, Town Administrator; Colette (last name?) via Zoom, Waterville Place Condominium Assn. representative.
3. The minutes from August 30, October 3, and October 15 were approved unanimously, with minor amendments.
4. Privilege of the floor - N/A
5. Update on water project/West Branch Road/ducks on Corcoran's Pond – Steve reported that the water project will be substantially completed by the end of the year. The only outstanding item is the generator, which is significantly delayed – current best guess is May delivery.

The ducks have left for the winter. Jennie reported on a conversation she had with Brooke from the Rec. department and the bottom line is there's no easy answer. Eliminating all non-natural sources of feeding should be a priority (signs, letter to Town Square businesses – one member of the public reported that one local restaurant was feeding leftover scraps to the ducks). The Commission agreed to take this up again prior to the spring.

6. Update on violations reported to Dir. Noyes re: sediment run-off at building sites – no update from Mark or Dir. Noyes – Jennie reported that Cascade Ridge has no improvements; Golden Heights developer is working on the drainage system along Golden Heights Rd, but the opposite side of the property adjacent to the stream has some siltsoxx barriers that are failing and sediment is entering the stream; large house on lot 32b has installed a sediment fence to protect the stream on the house side of the cross-country ski trail, but sediment from the site also runs down across the ski trail to the stream on the other side, and no fencing has been installed to mitigate that. Jennie said she would follow up with Dir. Noyes. She also mentioned that the NHDES has a three-volume stormwater manual, volume 3 is "Erosion and Sediment Controls During Construction", and it seems that our town is very lax in this area.
7. Update on Snows Brook/letter to WV Place & letter to Forest Service/Rick's short report – the Commission sent a letter to the Forest Service, following Rick V.'s advice, in support of the floodwater mitigation project. Colette (last name?) from WV Place would like help drafting a letter to the Forest Service as well. They would strongly support

anything that can be done to protect them from any future storm damage. They had significant damage after Irene which was very costly to fix. She brought up some good questions about whether or not Waterville Valley and/or the State of NH has a climate action plan or emergency storm preparedness plan. Jennie said she would look into what, if anything, is at the State Level. Charles asked if there was anything in our new Master Plan regarding climate/storm action. Irit reported that the Forest Service requested a copy of Rick's short report on the Snows Brook project.

8. Becca showed us a copy of the final version of our logo and we agreed to add the land acknowledgment statement around the bottom of the circle. Steve said he could facilitate sign printing with Mega Print. We discussed what signage might be appropriate for the conservation lot 32c – Charles thought 3 or 4. Jennie is not a fan of multiple signs and would rather see one main sign and perhaps some very small tree markers (similar to Squam Lakes Assn. trail signs).
9. Other business: we discussed the need for critter-proof trash receptacles. Becca will look into this. Steve said if anyone has input for the interim transfer station it should be offered soon because planning is underway.
10. The date for the next meeting is set for January 17, 2023 at 3pm.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 4:14pm.

Minutes were approved on 1/17/2023.

"We are located on N'dakinna, which is the traditional ancestral homeland of the Abenaki, Pennacook, and Wabanaki Peoples, past and present. We acknowledge and honor with gratitude the land and waterways and the alnobak (people) who have stewarded N'dakinna throughout the generations."

