

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES ALBANY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, July 18, 2017. 6:00 pm

**Members present: Cathy Ryan, Mike Stewart, Cort Hansen, Peter Carboni, Alternate: Austen Bernier,
Absent: Rob Nadler, Paul Brown**

Cathy called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Cathy asked about scheduling a volunteer day for trail work. Cort said that he would like to have a half day scheduled for either August 5th or the 12th. Mike and Austen indicated that they could probably do either date. Cort picked the 12th at 9:00 am. He estimates that there will be about 3 hours of work for 6 people, less if more people show up. It will be light brush cutting work with loppers in areas where tree branches and bushes are growing into the trail way. Mike said he would see if any NEMBA members would be interested in volunteering on the same day for work on developing the trails on the south side of the Kancamagus. Cort will contact Dorothy Salomon regarding the trail date and provided contact information for use the town column.

Cort said that he thought Rick Hiland had obtained a volunteer form for people volunteering time doing trail work. He will contact Rick to find out if he has such a form.

Cathy asked about the Grandview field mowing. Cort said that he and Rob had been over in the fields about 2-3 weeks earlier and Grandview had been mowing the west, northwest and north side of the field already. Cort said that he would check again as the Town Picnic will be coming up on 7/29.

Cathy said that the BOS has been doing some checking on the Conservation Commissions Conservation Fund (CF). Their research indicated that it had been established in 2012, but that there was no confirmation of this by the governing body at the time. The CF was noted in the 2014 Town Report, but the BOS believes that the CF needs to be approved by the “governing body”. Cathy said that the Commission can make this a house keeping measure in at the March 2018 Town Meeting.

Cathy asked for comments or questions regarding the minutes for the 6/6/17 meeting. With no questions or comments, Cathy asked for a motion to approve those minutes. Peter made the motion to approve the 6/6/17 meeting minutes and Mike seconded the motion. With a vote the meeting minutes were approved 5-0.

Mike asked for an update regarding the status of the sale of the brick building owned by the CVFD adjacent to Rt. 16 and the RR tracks. Cort said that USVLT had been contacted by Rob and that they had no interest in the very small parcel of land, as USVLT thought it wasn't large enough to enhance the public access at that location. They were also apprehensive about the encroachment by the landowner directly adjacent to the building and saw this as a potential long term problem. Cort said he and Rob had inspected the area earlier this summer and there was a lot of debris all around the building and along the banking which has been accumulating over the years.

Under other business, Cort mentioned that a representative from NEMBA was asking for the GPS trail data for the trails in the Town Forest for addition into their web page. Cort has contacted Jim Innis, Saco District Ranger at USFS as they provided the trail data for use on our trail map and kiosks. Cort believes that the individual who GPS mapped the trails, has since left the district. He is hoping that the data still resides at the Saco office and can be provided to NEMBA.

With no further business to address, Cathy asked for a motion to adjourn. Mike made a motion to adjourn and with a second from Austen, a vote was taken and the meeting adjourned at 6:30pm

Cort Hansen, Conservation Commission Secretary.