

MEETING MINUTES

ALBANY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, September 4th, 2018. 6:00 pm

Members present: Cathy Ryan, Cort Hansen, Mike Stewart, Sean Wadsworth, Paul Brown - Alternate.
Absent: Austen Bernier - Alternate

Cathy called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Under new business Cathy began with the discussion to approve the minutes for the 8/7/18 meeting. Cathy noted that the date on the draft minutes was incorrect and that the copy should read 8/7 not 8/8 as shown. Cathy noted that with Austen absent, Paul would be a voting member. A motion to amend the minutes to correct the date to 8/7 was made and with a second the motion was approved 5-0. A second motion to approve the minutes as amended was made and with a second the minutes for the 8/7/18 meeting were approved 5-0.

Cathy brought up the draft copy of the map that USVLT intends to put on their web site and print copies for the public. Mike noted that the single track trail on the town common site on the west end of the property was not shown. It was suggested that USVLT should add that trail to their map copy. Mike inquired if the NEMBA logo could also be added to the map. Cort said he would suggest that to USVLT. A discussion of trail names was made. Mike, since he was so involved with the development of the NEMBA volunteer built trails, was given the honor to suggest the new names. Mike recommended that the trail on the south side of the Kancamangus be named "Uphill Both Ways" and the trail on the "town commons" site be called "Twister". Cathy made a motion to approve the 2 new names, and with a second from Mike the motion was approved 5-0. The third trail still needing a name was the short spur trail that leaves from the north side of the Kancamangus on the west border of the property and connects to the Davis Farm Trail. Mike suggested "West End Trail". Sean made the motion and with a second from Paul the motion to name this trail "West End Trail" was approved 5-0. USVLT had also asked if the CC had any photos that they might use for their new brochure. Cathy showed members a photo that she had of the Swift River with South Moat on the horizon. It was agreed that the photo was a good candidate and she said she could forward it to Cort to send to USVLT.

New signage on the field was discussed. Cort has placed 12 of the 18 "No Dogs/Agricultural Zone" signs in the fields. All were placed in PVC pipe for easy removal by farmers during periods of equipment use. He also has placed one of the new "Albany Town Forest" signs at the entrance to the fields. The 4 new "dog waste" signs have not been placed yet. Cort said that he needed to purchase smaller PT 'project panels' that Lowe's did not have in stock when he purchased the 4x4 and 4x6 PT posts for the other signs earlier in August. Cort said he would like to place the 'dog waste' signs on the same post as the 'No camping/No fires' signs at the entrances to the field, Crossover trailhead, and West End trailhead. He suggested that the two already placed 'No camping/No fires' signs be moved to new location at the same time.

Mike has acquired 3 combination locks, one to replace the key lock on the Crossover Trail gate. The combination will be set to match the same combination as on the gate behind the USFS Saco District office field entrance. The other 2 spare combination locks will be kept in the CC file cabinet at Town Hall.

Paul and Sean brought up the topic of 'green burials'. Sean said he would like to attend the next Cemetery Commission meeting. Paul said that there was not a date set yet for the next meeting but he could be put on the agenda for the next planned meeting. Paul indicated that the Cemetery Commission has had some new information regarding green burials.

Sean said that now with school being back in session he expects to have more time to review the CC files re-searching what studies the Town has on record regarding Albany water resources.

In other business, Cathy reported that on Tuesday, September 25th at 5:00pm the Albany BOS is the second meeting to review their Emergency Management Plan (EMP). The EMP is a Federal Emergency Management Agency mandated plan that is required to be reviewed periodically by the community.

Cort mentioned that the NHACC annual meeting is scheduled for early November. The Town is a member and CC members receive a discount on registration for the all day event. The Town will cover registration costs for any CC member interested. He indicated that some CC members have participated in past years. He asked if everyone is getting regular email notices from the NHACC as he had provided everyone's email addresses to the NHACC last spring. Most indicated that they are not receiving these emails. Cort said he would follow-up with the NHACC regarding their mailings.

The next ACC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 10/2/18 at 6:00 pm.

With no further business to address and with no public comments a motion to adjourn was made by Mike and with a second from Paul the vote was 5-0, and the meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm.

Cort Hansen, Conservation Commission Secretary.