

MEETING MINUTES

ALBANY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, October 4th, 2022. 6:30 pm

Members present: Kevin Tilton, Cort Hansen, Mike Steward, Sean Wadsworth and Cathy Ryan, alternate.

Kevin called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Under new business Kevin asked for a review of the minutes of the 9/6/22 meeting. With no questions or comments Kevin asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the 9/6/22 meeting. Mike made a motion and Sean seconded the motion. By a 4-0-1 vote, the motion to approve the minutes of the 9/6/22 meeting was passed. Cathy abstained due to not being present at the September meeting.

Kevin checked the ACC mailbox and there was no mail.

Sean and Cathy reported on the recent DOT public hearing held regarding widening NH Route 16 in Albany.

Kevin reported that there had been a recent report of a dog attack in the Town Forest as recorded on social media. There was no other information other than what was posted on Facebook with comments.

Kevin announced his plan to step down from Conservation Commission chair position at the end of December. Discussion followed with Cathy indicating that she would consider returning as commission chairperson.

A financial review of the CC budget was discussed. There remains some \$700 in the operating budget with \$2200 remaining in the attendance budget due to the member shortage and some cancelled monthly meeting dates. A discussion about utilizing the balance of the operation budget to purchase gravel in order to repair the Crossover Trailhead parking area was made. Cathy will inquire as to that possibility and the process.

The proposed budget for the 2023 fiscal year was discussed. Sean made a motion to maintain the budget for 2023 identical to the 2022 budget. Mike seconded the motion and the motion was approved 5-0.

Under old business, the Albany Hazard Mitigation Plan meetings of 9/7 & 9/20 were discussed with several members attending either one or both Zoom meetings. The next scheduled meeting will be held in January 2023.

Sean reported that there is no new information on the recent USVLT survey that the commission had participated on.

There was no new information on the DOT silt fence remaining along the Route 112 near the ski jump on the north side of the road.

Under old business, Cathy was able to locate a hard copy of the Davis lease to update his farm lease period. This comes after not being able to find a digital copy within the town records. Kevin said he will attempt to scan the document in order to be able to edit the text and avoid having to re-type the document from scratch and to include the revised lease term extension.

The MWVRCC trailer removal; seasonally as per the USVLT easement regulations, should be addressed by fall. Sean said he would contact them regarding the issue.

Boundary maintenance work was discussed with a volunteer work date of Saturday October 15th agreed on. The next section to work on would be the boundary starting at the NHFG entrance and going south to the USFS property boundary. At the same time, further work on the maintaining the viewshed along Route 16 was discussed with perhaps that boundary work being continued on the same weekend.

Mike discussed that the new trail mapping task should be held off pending further trail work on the south side of the Kanc.

With no other business to discuss and with no public comments, Kevin asked for a motion to adjourn. With a motion from Mike and with a second from Sean the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.

The next scheduled meeting would be Tuesday, November 1st, 2022 at 6:30pm.

Cort Hansen, Conservation Commission Secretary.