

MEETING MINUTES

ALBANY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, January 3rd, 2023. 6:30 pm

Members present: Kevin Tilton, Cort Hansen, Mike Steward, Cathy Ryan. Absent & excused: Sean Wadsworth

Kevin called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

Kevin acknowledged that Cathy was the new incoming Chairperson and asked Cathy if he could chair the meeting since he had presented the agenda for the meeting. Cathy had no objections.

Under new business Kevin asked for a review of the minutes of the 12/6/22 meeting. With no questions or comments Kevin asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the 12/6/22 meeting. Mike made a motion and Cathy seconded the motion. By a 3-0-1 vote, the motion to approve the minutes of the 12/6/22 meeting was passed, Cathy abstaining since she was not in attendance at that meeting.

Kevin checked the ACC mailbox and noted that there was a letter from NH Environmental Services regarding a wetland permit for trail work at Tin Mountain Conservation Center. Permits required notification for such work to the Conservation Commission as a permit procedure – no response was required. A letter from the USVLT was also included with the mail saying that the Conservation Commission was in compliance with their easement obligations.

Kevin said that Tim Nolan from Forest Land Improvement had quoted a cost of \$2500 to produce an update timber management plan (TMP) for the Town Forest. Questions around should the Conservation Commission request that \$2500 in the 2023 budget were discussed. It was agreed that the Commission has spent little of their expense budget line over 10 years, and had consistently returned those surpluses to the general fund, that the cost could be justified. The TMP is an USVLT easement requirement and has to be updated every 10 years.

Under new business, Kevin suggested that a motion needed to be made to make Cathy the new Chairperson. Mike made the motion and with a second from Kevin the election to make Cathy the new Chairperson was approved 4-0.

Under old business, Kevin said that he has had no response from the NH DOT regarding the silt fence across from the ski jump on the Kanc.

Kevin reported that he has no update with Jake Davis on the Davis Farm contract renewal.

Several public notices had been received regarding a timber salvage operation on Tin Mountain Conservation Center property adjacent to the Town Forest. The salvage operation is in response to remove dead trees the result of spongy moth infestation.

With no other business to discuss and with no public comments, Kevin asked for a motion to adjourn. Mike made the motion and with a second from Kevin the motion was approved 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.

The next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, February 7th, 2023 at 6:30pm.

Cort Hansen, Conservation Commission Secretary.