

# MEETING MINUTES

## ALBANY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**Tuesday, August 1st, 2023. 6:30 pm**

**Members present: Cathy Ryan, Cort Hansen, Kevin Tilton, Sean Wadsworth, Mike Steward & Alternate: Jacob MacKenzie.**

Cathy called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm and introduced Jacob MacKenzie as the new commission alternate having been approved by the Albany BOS in July.

Under new business Cathy asked for approval of the draft minutes from the 7/5/23 meeting. With no further questions or discussion Sean made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting and with a second from Kevin the motion was passed 5-0.

Cathy noted that there was an expected appointment with Tim Nolan of Forest Land Improvement who was expected to detail further the plan to initiate a salvage timber cut in the Albany Town forest parcel on Bald Hill Road. As he was not present, Sean sent a text message to him to see if he was expecting to attend. As discussed in the July meeting, timing for this salvage operation was important due to the weather and site conditions and the continuing deterioration of the dead oak. Discussion evolved around potential other dates in August the commission might be able to meet with Tim to discuss and approve the timber salvage plan with 8/15 and 8/22 being agreed as potential dates.

Who would be signing any contracts for timber harvest and where any harvest funds would go was discussed with several sources for more information were suggested including the NHACC and the NHMA. Cort said he would contact Rob Adair of the Conway CC for advice as well.

Sean received a call back from Tim Nolan with his regrets, he had assumed since last month's meeting was on a Wednesday (due to the 4<sup>th</sup> holiday) he had planned to attend the August meeting on Wednesday as well. He indicated that the August 22<sup>nd</sup> date would work for him to present a timber salvage plan.

Kevin suggested that the last weekend in August would work for volunteer work on the boundary maintenance adjacent to the planned salvage area. He suggested either the morning of the 27<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> for a few hours of work with 4-5 people.

With no other business to discuss and with no public comments, Mike made the motion to adjourn, Kevin seconded the motion and the motion was approved 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 pm.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 22nd, 2023 at 6:30pm.

Cort Hansen, Conservation Commission Secretary.