



Town of Albany, NH
Conservation Commission Monthly Meeting
November 7, 2023

Call to Order: Cathy Ryan 6:35

Attendance: Cathy Ryan (Chair), Kevin Tilton, Sean Wadsworth (acting secretary)

Excused: Cort Hansen, Mike Steward, Jacob McKenzie

Sean Wadsworth made a motion to approve Oct 3rd 2023 the minutes. Kevin Tilton seconded. The motion carried 3-0-0

Budget – The CC has 5 voting members + 1 alternate = 6 CC members. With a schedule of 12 meetings a year, and a per person cost of \$35, the total for attendance would be \$2520

Following a discussion, the proposed 2024 Budget is

CC attendance - \$2520

CC Operating Expenses - \$1000

CC Legal - \$1

CC Total - \$3521

Cathy Ryan made a motion that the Proposed Budget be approved. Kevin Tilton seconded. The motion carried 3-0-0



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Albany Town Forest:

The members discussed the need to send an email to the Town Administrator, requesting that the CC be added to the ASB Agenda for their Nov 29th meeting. The CC would like to share the plan for a Timber Salvage Harvest of the Albany Town Forest as presented by forester Tim Nolin.

Items for the ASB to consider with regard to the CC

1 Salvage Harvest Revenue - As provided in RSA 31:113, the town meeting could vote to deposit proceeds from logging of the town forest into the Conservation Fund.

2 Yield Tax Waiver - As provided in RSA 79:3-b, “when timber harvesting is conducted on land owned by, and located in, a municipality, the municipality may waive the yield tax, but shall report the location, species, and volume of wood and timber cut to the commissioner of revenue administration, who shall send one copy of the report to the division of forests and lands of the department of natural and cultural resources.” So, yes, when the town or an agency of the town carries out a timber cut on town property the town itself can waive the timber yield tax, provided the town still make a report on the location, species and volume of wood and timber cut to the DRA.

3 Having a portion of the LUCT go the Conservation Fund - To see if the town will vote to authorize {INSERT PORTION AS A FRACTIONAL OR DOLLAR AMOUNT} of the Land Use Change Tax collected pursuant to RSA 79-A:25 to be deposited into the existing Conservation Fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5, III, as authorized by RSA 79-A:25, II. If adopted this article shall take effect April 1st, and shall remain in effect until altered or rescinded by a future vote of the town meeting. (Majority vote required)

The CC members noted the need for a Forest Management Plan estimated to cost \$2500. This is required to be updated every 10 years. We are now at year 11. The CC would like for the Salvage Timber Harvest proceeds to be used to fund the updating of the Forest Management Plan.

Kevin Tilton made a motion to authorize Tim Nolin to submit an Intent to Cut Permit to the Town of Albany for the Albany Town Forest Salvage Cut as proposed. Cathy Ryan seconded. The motion carried 3-0-0. Sean Wadsworth will notify Tim Nolin of this vote.

Sean Wadsworth made a motion to adjourn, Kevin Tilton seconded. The motion carried 3-0-0 at 7:07pm

Next meeting to be held on Dec 5th at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sean Wadsworth – Acting Secretary