

# MEETING MINUTES

## ALBANY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**Tuesday, December 5th, 2023. 6:30 pm**

**Members present: Cathy Ryan, Cort Hansen, Sean Wadsworth, and Mike Steward. Absent and excused: Kevin Tilton, Jacob MacKenzie, alternate. Public: Tim Nolan – Forest Land Improvement**

Cathy called the meeting to order at 6:42 pm.

Cathy asked for questions or comments on the minutes for the 11/7/23 meeting. With no comments or questions she called for a motion to approve those minutes and with a motion from Mike and a second from Sean the motion to approve the minutes of the 11/7/23 meeting was passed 3-0-1, with Cort abstaining due to his absence on that date.

Sean reviewed the 11/29 meeting with the Albany BOS who indicated that they would waive the Timber Tax payment on the planned salvage cut on the Bald Hill forest property. Also discussed was the proposal to dedicate the funds from the salvage cut to the Town Conservation Fund held by the Conservation Commission. This was suggested to forward a warrant article for town meeting in March to that effect.

Tim Nolan said that the Intend to Cut Permit would need to be signed by the Albany BOS. He said that the wetland permit could be signed by either the BOS or the CC. The Work Agreement between the Town and the contractor would have to be signed by the BOS. He explained that the value of the timber harvest would depend on the grade of logs. The salvage project is ready to go while waiting for cold and freezing weather to return. He plans to have the Intend to Cut signed ASAP. Cathy signed the Wetland Permit.

Cathy discussed how to find money for the Conservation Fund.

The warrant article was discussed, wording on allocating timber harvest funds from logging to the Conservation Fund. Also, directing Land Use Change Tax funds to the Conservation Fund was discussed.

The request for the improvement to the road in the agricultural field was discussed. Who would be responsible was discussed and it was agreed that the commission should meet with the farmers at the meeting in January.

With no further business and with no other public comment Cathy asked for a motion to adjourn, with a motion from Mike and a second from Sean the motion was approved 4-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.

The next meeting date will be 1/2/24.

Cort Hansen, Conservation Commission Secretary.