

MEETING MINUTES

ALBANY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, March 4th, 2025. 6:30 pm

Members present: Cathy Ryan, Cort Hansen, Sean Wadsworth, Absent and excused: Mike Steward, and Jacob MacKenzie.

Cathy called the meeting to order at 6:28 pm. With no scheduled appointments she went directly to new business and asked for questions or comments on the 2/4/25 meeting minutes. With no comments or questions, she asked for a motion to accept the meeting minutes for the 2/4/25 meeting. Sean made the motion to accept the minutes and Cathy seconded the motion. The vote taken to approve the minutes was 2-0-1 and the minutes were approved. Cort abstained due to his not being present at that meeting.

Under new business Cathy went directly to the task of reviewing the 2012 Conservation Management Plan (CMP) in order to update the plan as required. The commission started where it left off at the February meeting on page 12, Section VII.

Starting with those parts:

- A. Wildlife – no changes were suggested.
- B. Rare Plants – (Bald Hill Road parcel) no changes were suggested.
- C. Natural Communities & Eco Systems – no changes were suggested.
- D. Insects and Diseases – It was suggested that the various new threats be added to include; Spongy Moths, Emerald Ash Borer, Woolly Aphid, and any other diseases that may inflict damages to the forest.
- F. Agriculture – no changes were suggested
- G. Public Access – under ‘Objective & Strategies’, update by removing Davis Farm parking lot (Crossover Trailhead), and add West End parking lot for potential future development. Also, add a reference to establishing a M.O.U. with the USFS Saco District pertaining to the access through the Forest Service property at the field. And, to remove the reference to developing public access from the Kennett Middle School since the option of finding parking at the CVFD corner property is no longer an option.
- G. Wetland & Water Bodies - (there is an alphabetical error in the listing order under VII) - no changes were suggested.
- H. Forest Resources – no changes except to update the reference to the Forest Management Plan (FMP) to note the most recent updating of the FMP plan (in 2024) by Forest Land Management – Tim Nolan.

Section VIII – Updating of Plan Information – no changes were suggested.

Attachments – to the listing, add current, updated FMP.

Under old business, a meeting with the USVLT was proposed to discuss the review and updating of the CMP. Sean noted that USVLT was trying to move to daytime meetings for staffing purposes. It was also suggested that we set up a meeting with the MWV Radio Control Club to have a discussion about the use of the property since we meet annually with the contract farmers. It was suggested that we do so in the fall months. Sean or Cort will contact Jim Innis, Saco District to meet regarding the MOU

With no further business and with no other public comment and at Cathy’s request, Sean made a motion to adjourn and with a second from Cathy the motion was approved 3-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm.

The next meeting date will be 4/1/25.

Cort Hansen, Conservation Commission Secretary.