

Town of Henniker Conservation Commission Meeting
Wednesday, June 7th, 2023, 7PM
Grange Hall & Zoom

Members Present: Holly Green, Mark Mitch, Ross Bennett, Maegan Gagne, and Roni Hardy

Members Excused: Selectman Scott Osgood

Guests: Kris Blomback, Dave Mclean, and Mike Penney

Recording Secretary: Holly Green

Holly Green called the Conservation Commission to order at 7:10 PM. Mark Mitch then took over chairing the meeting, so Holly could take the minutes, since the regular minute taker, Hank Bernstein, was absent.

Item #1 – Presentation of Pat’s Peak’s projects to install reservoir and improve ski trails and parking lot - Kris Blomback, Pat’s Peak Manager. The Engineers for the projects, Dave Mclean and Mike Penney, both from Verdantas, were also present to answer questions. Ross asked if the runoff going across the parking area had been addressed. Kris said it had. The Commission had no other concerns.

Kris, Dave, and Mike left the meeting.

Item #2 – Review and approve previous meeting minutes. The minutes were tabled since Hank was absent.

Item #3 – Review proposals for Natural Resources Inventory Update. The Commission reviewed the ranking sheet prepared by Maegan, which compared the six proposals received by the Commission: Dubois & King; Kane Conservation and Moosewood Ecological LLC; Mad Scientist Associates LLC; FB Environmental Associates; SWCA Environmental Consultants; and Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC). FB Environmental Associates and Kane Conservation & Moosewood Ecological were the most highly ranked. The Commission discussed the services offered by each proposal. Mark noted that one of the proposals included an invasive species mapping and that it sounded like a good idea. The Commission concluded that the proposals from Kane Conservation & Moosewood Ecological and CNHRPC were the most inexpensive and closest in location (Concord), and that CNHRPC’s proposal offered significantly less in services than the other proposals.

Ross moved to choose the proposal from Kane Conservation and Moosewood Ecological LLC to conduct the Natural Resources Inventory update. Mark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #4 – Mail: The Commission reviewed some Intents to Cut and had no concerns.

Item #5 – Review Request for Proposal for Forestry Management Plan. Holly gave Mark a copy of her edits, all related to the timeline. There were no other comments. Mark will make the revisions and submit it to the Town Administrator, Diane Kendall.

Item #6 – Other Business

No other business.

Holly moved to adjourn at 9:19 PM, seconded by Ross. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Holly Green
Minute Taker