

## **Draft Henniker Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes October 6, 2021.**

Members present: Mark Mitch, Holly Green, Ross Bennett.

Public Present: Bob Pagano, Mike Lambert.

Sachi attended the first few minutes of the meeting and indicated she was not seeking re-appointment. The commission thanked her for years of service.

### **Timber Management Plan**

Mike Lambert Presented outline of draft of timber management plan for the Watman and Preston town forest lots.

Interesting lot to west – many vernal pools, glacial erratics, large wetland and a stream. Beautiful lot but very difficult to operate on due to rocks and ecological concerns.

Eastern lot has over-mature pine in southern end, could support a harvest. Eastern parcel has a stone well on it. Harvest could generate a loop road that would be used as basis for a trail network. Mike recommends selective harvest to leave vigorous trees, remove trees that aren't as healthy. Could generate approximately \$40k in revenue. Don't have to finalize now, should have another meeting and site walk.

Ross – sounds like a great plan, balances conservation, ecology, recreation, and forest health. Agree with site walk, also should make sure selectmen and public are notified of the plan.

Mark – also should discuss with easement holder (Five Rivers)

Mike – Consider accounting – how will revenue generated be re-invested in the property.

Bob – suggested holding timber revenue in conservation fund.

Commission agreed to schedule a site walk: Friday Oct 29, 2021 at 3pm.

### **Membership:**

Holly indicated that she was on yesterday's agenda for renewal of membership. Bob Pagano's membership will be on the agenda for the next meeting to give the commission an opportunity to meet him at this meeting.

### **Budget:**

Commission agreed to keep 2022 budget at 2021 levels, with the exception of

- membership reduced from \$345 to \$280.
- Remove office supplies (\$50).

### **Pleasant Pond:**

The commission discussed that a NHDES cyanobacteria public health advisory has been in place since August 26, 2021 for Pleasant Pond. Mark mentioned that there has been a lot of logging on an adjacent property, there is concern that ground was exposed, sediment retention was not in place, and that could have impacted Pleasant Pond water quality. Mark shared photos of a cut on Quaker street where forestry has occurred recently. The property on Quaker street did a permit by notification for forestry.

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Abutters to the Pond called DES to complain about the cut, DES contacted land owner in August and indicated an Alteration of Terrain (AoT) permit may be needed. Property owner was supposed to respond in 20 days. The commission agreed that NHDES was looking into the matter and no further action was required by the commission. Mark re-sampled the Pond 2 weeks ago and it was still above the threshold. NHDES will re-sample this week.

Long Pond had a brief cyanobacteria bloom in July. French and Keyser didn't have advisories. French had a bloom at the limit, but just below the limit.

**Minutes tabled until next meeting.**

**Holly moved to recommend the Town accept Bob Pagano's application to the Conservation Commission. Mark Seconded Motion caried (3-0)**

**Holly requested reimbursement to attend the NHACC annual meeting and conference. RWB made a motion to reimburse Holly to attend the NHACC annual meeting and conference. Mark seconded. Motion carried 2-0-1 (holly abstained)**

**Holly made motion to accept budget as amended. Mark Seconded. Motion caried (3-0).**

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