



**Town of Henniker
Conservation Commission
Wednesday November 2nd, 2022, 7PM
Grange Hall & Zoom**

Members Present: Holly Green, Mark Mitch, Ross Bennett, Maegan Gagne, Roni Hardy
Members Excused: Selectman Scott Osgood
Recording Secretary: Hank Bernstein

Mark Mitch called the Conservation Commission to order at 7:09PM

Item #1 – Review and approve 10/5/22 meeting minutes

The Conservation Commission reviewed the meeting minutes of 10/5/22 and discussed edits. **Holly Green moved to accept the minutes of 10/5/22 with the discussed edits, seconded by Ross Bennett. The motion was carried unanimously.**

Item #2 – Potential wetlands complaint re property on Hemlock Corner Loop (Long Pond)

A potential complaint was brought to the attention of the Conservation Commission. There is a potentially unsanctioned structure on the Wetlands of Long Pond. Although the structure is said to be temporary it has been reported that there are signs of someone living in the structure, as well as signs of another unauthorized structure being constructed. The Building Inspector has informed the property owner that the structure needs to be moved by December 1st. **The conservation commission agrees by consensus that they will wait until after December 1st to take any action.** The commission members all agreed that they have no ill feeling towards the property owner, it is simply the mission of the commission to conserve the Wetlands.

Item #3 – Mail: Notice of wetlands violation on Western Avenue

A letter from the DES was sent to the Conservation Commission notifying them of a violation at Western Avenue on the bank of the Contoocook River. There were technical difficulties pulling up the document. Discussion was left for another time.

Item #4 – Review and approve 2023 Budget Proposal

See attached document. Ms. Hardy began the discussion by asking why the budget was lower than last year. Ms. Green responded that some items were cut, notably the minute taker. Ms. Hardy asked the minute taker if the amount in the proposal was reasonable, which he confirmed. Discussion continued about the matter of office supplies. It was agreed that a lower budget was reasonable, but it would be important to leave some in case it is needed. Ms. Green took some time to remind members that there are funds in the budget for members of the commission to get training, and she shared resources for

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that training. It was agreed to leave the rest of the line items on the budget the same as last year's budget.

Item #5 – Review and approve (for Selectboard review and approval) Request for Proposal for Natural Resources Inventory

Ms. Green shared a copy of a plan drawn up by the Town of Hampton, which was very thorough, that was used as a model for the plan the Conservation Commission intends to implement in the Town of Henniker. Discussion continued the matter of which items to add, edit, and remove for the sake of relevancy to the town. Ms. Green sent the document to Ms. Gagne, who will take the lead on the document, with intention for the document to be later shared with Town Administrator Kendall.

Item #6 – Review and approve (for Selectboard review and approval) Request for Proposal for Forestry Management Plan

Mr. Mitch shared a draft of a proposal. He noted that he would make and share edits with the commission and return with that document at the next meeting.

Item #7 – Other business

Mr. Mitch brings to the attention of the commission that a landowner had expressed some interest about putting their land into a Conservation Easement as an Agricultural Easement. Ms. Hardy shared an article from the Concord Monitor about culvert upgrades to be discussed in a future agenda.

Mark Mitch made a motion to adjourn, which was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Hank Bernstein

Minute Taker

Account #	Account Title	2023 Requested	2022 Approved	2023 vs 2022 \$	2023 vs 2022 %	2021 Approved	2020 Approved
CONSERVATION							
4611	112 Conservation - Minute Taker	465	465	0	0.0%	930	465
4611	240 Conservation - Training	420	420	0	0.0%	420	420
4611	560 Conservation - Dues/Memberships	345	345	0	0.0%	345	345
4611	620 Conservation - Office Supplies	25	50	-25	-50.0%	70	50
4611	949 Conservation-Expend Conservation Fund	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0
4611	951 Conservation - Public Awareness	235	235	0	0.0%	335	235
4611	952 Conservation - Lake Monitor	1400	1,000	400	40.0%	1,400	1,000
Conservation Budget Total		2,890	2,515	375	10.7%	3,500	2,515