

Nelson Conservation Commission  
Draft Minutes  
November 29th, 2018

Rick Church called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Other Members Present: Rebecca DiGirolomo, Anne McBride, Tom Newcombe (arrived 7:30), Gary Robinson, Kathy Schillemat

Sept. 27th meeting minutes:

Kathy moved, Rebecca seconded the approval of minutes from the previous meeting on Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>. All voted in favor.

Partridge Woods project:

Rick reported that the carved Partridge Woods sign, as well as the two Partridge Woods kiosk signs, have been completed and are currently stored in his barn. The ground is too frozen for installation of the larger carved sign, but the two smaller signs can be mounted any time on the kiosks.

The 'section 6F' map required by the state, which must be signed by the Selectmen as evidence of the Town's commitment to enforce the easement on the property, is still not ready. Eric Masterson has provided the three map components needed, but in different scales that must somehow be combined into a final master map before the year-end deadline. Rick will check the Selectmen's December meeting schedule to line up a potential date for signing the final map.

Rick suggested that informational content for the kiosks be prepared for posting, starting with a map showing the property and identifying each of the 2 main access points with 'you are here' symbols. Kathy and Rick agreed to work on this. Kathy will provide a map for planning purposes.

Rick also proposed that we be thinking about an eventual 'Official Opening' event, to which the public and some local and state officials could be invited. Anne advised that we prepare the property for public use before scheduling this event. For instance, the main roads and trails should be well marked and blazed so people don't wander off getting lost in the woods. Eventually, more detailed trail maps can be provided at each of the kiosks.

Kathy reported that she had met with the Homestead Lane residents to discuss the signage planned for the parking lot and road. The group agreed on the desired content of 5 basic messages which will be incorporated into one or more signs. Once the final wording and sign placements have been determined, all neighbors will have a chance to review and comment. The group also raised questions about how to report any complaints that could arise from public usage of the access. It was agreed that complaints about trash and littering should go to the NCC, who have responsibility for managing the property. Complaints concerning civic violations should be reported to the police. The discussion about drafting a road maintenance agreement was started, but needs to be continued.

Issues for 2019 Town Meeting

Rick reported that he submitted the NCC budget for 2019 to Edie on Nov.14<sup>th</sup>, at her request. Most budget items were repeats of current year expenses.

Regarding warrant articles, the NCC will propose the usual article to fund the Milfoil Expendable Trust Fund in the same \$5,000 amount as recent years, with \$4,000 designated for Lake Host support on Granite and Nubanusit Lakes and \$1,000 remaining in the trust fund for future contingencies. The NCC will also propose a one-time article to transfer the remaining Grant funds currently on deposit in the general Conservation Fund back to the Conservation Commission Trust Fund, where those funds were originally (but not legally) placed last year. Rick will ask Edie to provide draft language for both warrant articles.

#### Easement Monitoring

After reviewing the list of Nelson properties which have conservation easements, only three designate the NCC as the responsible easement holder. Copies of the actual easements would be very useful for ensuring that each property is correctly monitored. Kathy made a motion, seconded by Rick, that all 3 of these properties be monitored by the NCC during 2019. All voted in favor. Kathy will forward a list of the properties to all NCC members. Kathy suggested that the NCC invite the land owners to participate in the inspections of their respective properties.

#### Other Business

Kathy raised a question about whether DES issued a permit for the demolition / construction project recently started on the former Pratt property on the West Shore Rd. of Granite Lake. She also raised a concern about the adequacy of siltation fencing placed on the waterfront by Phil Hamilton, the contractor. Rick will follow up with Edie about the DES permit. Tom will check out the site and discuss any questions with Phil.

Kathy informed everyone that DES will be holding a public informational session about proposed changes to the Wetlands rules on December 4<sup>th</sup> at the Keene Rec. Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Newcombe  
Secretary