

## Nelson Conservation Commission

July 30, 2020  
Meeting Minutes

Meeting convened outdoors between the Brick School House and Town Hall.

Attendees: Rob Germeroth, John Taylor Maule, Gary Robinson, Kathy Schillemat, Janet Yardley,

Kathy called the meeting to order at 7: 04 PM..

Rob motioned to approve the meeting minutes of June 25, 2020;  
John seconded. All approved.

### **Items discussed:**

#### ***Review of a Shoreland Application:***

Applicants: Peter and Ann Brnger, 541 Granite Lake Road Nelson, NH  
for: improvements to the foundation of an existing structure on Granite Lake. After document review by all, agreement was reached that the work: would *not* increase new impervious cover or violate existing setbacks. John suggested that the new proposed retaining wall might decrease the rate of runoff to the lake shore. No action required.

#### ***Homestead Lane:***

Kathy reported that Dan Patterson declined an offer to attend today's meeting and that they remain in discussion with their lawyer. Kathy suggested that the attendees discuss negotiable and non-negotiable resolution items that would preserve the intended use of the trail and contribute to the needs of all users.  
Everyone contributed thoughts.

Al Stoops joined meeting at 7:15 PM.

#### ***Gate at Brickyard Trailhead:***

Rob described an alternate location for the gate to control vehicular access to the trail. Moving it closer to the kiosk would make it more visible and alert users that the trail is intended for pedestrian use. He also described possible styles: a “forestry” cantilevered and a tubular “agricultural” with approximate pricing on both. All agreed on the proposed location and a preference for the “forestry” gate based upon it’s aesthetic and likely long enduring use.

### ***Partridge Woods Trail Map:***

Kathy remains in discussion with the mapping intern who is revising graphics, symbols and script. In that the map can be periodically updated Janet suggested that the intern provide the software program she is using. She also suggested that Elizabeth Williams, who provides graphic help to the Nelson Trail Committee might be asked to assist. Kathy will contact intern. Janet will speak with Elizabeth Williams.

### ***Great Meadow Wetlands:***

Kathy presented photos of violation showing extent of fill at the abutting lawn locations. Photos were taken by assistant Nelson Police Officer, Wayne Kassotis, who noticed the work in progress. He informed the operator on site that it was a violation. He and the Town Office called the violation into the DES. Wayne later saw a DES inspectors vehicle leaving the site. Gary will get dates on the photos and call for the record. Kathy, and Anne are in contact with Rick Van de Poll, wetlands scientist, for assistance and enforcement. Janet has contacted elected officials for additional support. Kathy will talk to abutting neighbors for updates.

### ***Emerald Ash Borer Infestation:***

Kathy described potential home owner control measures and received helpful information from Rick Church on chemical control which included pricing. Janet, Rob and John suggested increased public awareness through state flyers and enlisting the help of the Nelson Agricultural Committee.

Janet inquired as to meeting dates for November and December. The tentative dates will be the 3rd Thursday of both months: November 19th and December 17th.

The next NCC meeting will be on August 27th.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary Robinson