

Nelson Conservation Commission  
Meeting June, 8, 2017  
Minutes

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Kathy Schillemat called the meeting to order at 7:05PM. Present were Kathy Schillemat, Rick Church, Dave Patek and Tom Newcombe

**Minutes:**

Kathy Schillemat asked for consideration of the minutes of the May 11, 2017 meeting. Dave moved approval and Tom seconded his motion. All voted in favor.

**Osgood/Hurd Hill:**

All that remains to close on the property is an agreement on the wording of a paragraph ( #15) in the Conservation Easement. Language has been drafted giving the Conservation Commission the sole responsibility on behalf of Nelson to create the Management Plan called for with the ability of the selectmen to revoke that right and take that responsibility for themselves. There are some remaining issues with the wording. Steve Froling (Harris Center Attorney) will meet with Nelson selectmen and town counsel at the next selectman's meeting to try to resolve the issue. Dave Patek will attend on the part of the Conservation Commission.

A general discussion followed about how we can close fast and get on to the Letter of Agreement and map as required by DRED before we can submit a request for reimbursement for the project. This must be done by January 2018. The last time Rick brought this letter up to the selectmen, Dave Upton replied with several objections to the documents. Rick followed up on all those questions and left the state's emailed responses with Edith Drinkwater. If the slow pace of this project continues we could buy the property, but never collect on the \$150,000 grant.

Rick will write to Bill Gegas at DRED to confirm that these are the only two documents needed before we can apply for grant reimbursement.

**Wetlands Issues:**

Tom had followed up on an application to DES submitted by the Roeders on Granite Lake Rd. The issue we are trying to understand is how we are to get notice of DES applications in a timely fashion so that we can review them. He brought copies of the relevant RSAs for our information: 483-B:9, 483-B:5-b and 541-A:39. The later was of particular interest. It requires that municipalities (Town Clerk in Nelson's case) be notified of DES applications and "afford all affected municipalities reasonable opportunity to submit data." There's no specific timetable required. Additionally, Tom reported that an applicant can apply under the Shoreline Protection Act asserting that the project has no impact on water quality and may

proceed immediately upon written notice from DES that his application has been received. Tom will follow up with DES for further clarification.

We also are in possession of a complaint against Dave Birchenough for improperly modifying his dock in the mid 1990's

**Upcoming Events:**

6/24 Pollinator Workshop: Francie Von Mertens. Nelson Library at 11AM Rick to introduce her.

Possible presentation of dragon flies and damsel flies. This would be a talk at the library. Kathy to arrange a date in September.

Meeting adjourned 7:55 PM

Rick Church, Secretary