

**TOWN OF EPSOM
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Epsom Town Offices, 1596 Dover Road, Epsom, NH
November 16, 2023, 6:00 PM**

PRESENT

Robyn Sweeney-Blaise, Chair
Samantha Lazo, Commissioner
Kate Champney, Commissioner
Meadow Wysocki, Selectmen Representative

ALSO PRESENT

Jennifer Riel, Recording Secretary – via telephone

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Blaise called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

AGENDA REVIEW

No changes were made.

MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented. Motion by Ms. Champney. Second by Ms. Lazo. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting of September 21, 2023– Edits were made. **MOTION: To approve the minutes as amended. Motion by Ms. Champney. Second by Ms. Lazo. Motion passed unanimously.**

Meeting of October 16, 2023 – No edits were made. **MOTION: To approve the minutes as presented. Motion by Ms. Champney. Second by Ms. Lazo. Motion passed unanimously.**

Town Timber Harvest Update

Chair Blaise gave an update on the timber harvest; she stated progress is a bit slower than expected due to rain. She stated are trying to avoid using the skidder trails; two payments have been received, about \$1500 each. Chair Blaise stated a couple of culverts have been placed up there. The weather will determine the end date for the logging.

LCHIP and Property Monitoring Reports

Chair Blaise stated she is working on confirming a list of easements that need to be monitored by the Town, Bear Paw Greenways, and L-CHIP.

Other

Chair Blaise stated she is going to be going before the Budget Committee after this meeting and asked if anyone had any suggestions. Ms. Lazo suggested they look into giving a presentation at the Epsom Central School to the students. Chair Blaise stated there are kits available through UNH for school outreach programs. Ms. Wysocki suggested reaching out to Pat Connors at the school and agreed to bring it forward to the Budget Committee.

The Commissioners discussed recycling programs and a culvert clean-out project.

The Commissioners reviewed and discussed the 2024 budget. Ms. Wysocki stated if they want signs next year, they will also need to check pricing for posts. She stated if they get an idea of what they want for signs, she will send Chair Blaise the link for ordering signs through the State Prison sign shop and they can start getting pricing. It was agreed five “no camping” signs would be needed in the Town Forest. Chair Blaise noted the firepit needs to be disassembled as well. The Commissioners discussed options for trail signs; it was agreed to wait until the new trails are complete.

Next Meeting

December 14, 2023, 6:00 PM.

MOTION: To adjourn. Motion by Chair Blaise. Ms. Champney seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Riel

Jennifer Riel, Recording Secretary