

**TOWN OF EPSOM
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Epsom Town Offices, 1596 Dover Road, Epsom, NH
December 14, 2023, 6:00 PM**

PRESENT

Robyn Sweeney-Blaise, Chair
Chad Decker, Commissioner
Samantha Lazo, Commissioner
Kate Champney, Commissioner
Brenda Butterfield, Commissioner

ALSO PRESENT

Jennifer Riel, Recording Secretary – via telephone
Scott Frankiewicz, NH Land Consultants
Johnny Carr, JM Carr Landscaping

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Blaise called the meeting to order at 6:00 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.

71 Sleepy Hollow Road

Mr. Frankiewicz presented plans for the proposed work to be done at 71 Sleepy Hollow Road, U01-Lot 4. The property owner wants to replace 175 feet of the wall with concrete blocks. A Dredge and Fill Permit was obtained from the State of NH. The Commissioners reviewed the plans presented.

Chair Blaise asked if there would be any cloth barriers to keep sand from running into the lake. Mr. Frankiewicz stated silt socks will be placed.

The Commissioners have no concerns about the proposal.

Town Timber Harvest Update

Chair Blaise gave an update on the timber harvest. She stated the work is almost complete. It was noted the parking lot is complete and looks good. The culvert still needs to be placed; the Road Agent has approved the placement.

MOTION: To pay the costs for the culvert with the funds received for the timber harvesting. Motion by Ms. Champney. Second by Ms. Lazo. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting of November 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 Forest Signs

Chair Blaise stated she reached out to the State Prison sign shop to get information and quotes for “No Camping” signs but hasn’t received a response. The Commissioners discussed and reviewed other options for purchasing signs online.

MOTION: To purchase “No Camping” and “No Campfire” signs for the Town Forest. Motion by Mr. Decker. Second by Ms. Butterfield. Motion passed unanimously.

The Commissioners discussed putting up no campfire signs as well.

Conservation Easements

Chair Blaise stated she recently received updates from Bearpaw Greenways regarding the four properties managed by them. The Commissioners discussed the easements which need to be monitored by the Commission.

Next Meeting

January 18, 2024, 6:00 PM.

MOTION: To adjourn. Motion by Mr. Decker. Ms. Champney seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Riel

Jennifer Riel, Recording Secretary