

**Town of Epsom  
Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes  
December 16, 2021, at 6:00pm**

Meeting Attendees: Chad Decker, Acting Chair, Kate Champney, Member; Robyn Blais, Member, Cheryl Gilpatrick (Selectmen Representative), Katrina Amaral, Bear-Paw Regional Greenways.

**Call to Order & Agenda**

Mr. Decker called the meeting to order at 6:05pm. The Members reviewed the Agenda. Ms. Champney Motioned to accept the agenda as written, Mr. Decker second the Motion. Motioned passed 3-0.

**Bearpaw Update:**

Ms. Amaral provided an update regarding the progress for the new Harkness Easement they are trying to acquire. They are hoping to get this easement processed as soon as possible. They are also working on obtaining the cost of the survey. Ms. Amaral stated she estimates the cost for the easement to be between \$30,000 & \$40,000. She would like to contact the person or persons regarding the possible Common Man purchase of the gas station to see if their payment to the Water Shed can be out toward the easement purchase before it goes into the fund, if it hasn't already. The intention is to apply for a grant to obtain funds from the Water Shed fund if the previous isn't an option.

Ms. Amaral also noted Bear-Paw is monitoring the newly acquired parcel.

**Town Forest Update:**

Mr. Decker noted that the Town Forester is hoping to complete the Report by the end of the year. The Town should receive an invoice for his work before the end of the year. Cheryl noted it must be received by the end of the year or the payment needs to be encumbered. Ms. Amaral noted that the Commission should make sure the report mentions the monitoring of the Ash trees.

**Budget**

Mr. Decker noted he would be presenting the Commission's budget later that evening. Cheryl provided Mr. Decker with a copy of the ECC's budget and they reviewed it line by line. She also provided Mr. Decker with the list of the Conservation Fund accounts.

With no other business to be addressed, Ms. Champney motioned to Adjourn. Mr. Decker Second. Motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm



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