



## TOWN OF BOW

### Conservation Commission

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### Bow Conservation Commission

Meeting March 6, 2017

### Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Bow Conservation Commission was held on March 6, at 7:30 PM. Chair Sandy Crystall called the meeting to order.

Members present: Sandy Crystall, Wendy Waskin, and Bob Ball. David Kirkpatrick was excused. Kitty Lane was absent. Also present was Alvina Snegach, recording secretary.

### Unapproved minutes 02/16/2017

After reviewing the minutes and making changes Mr. Ball made the motion, duly seconded by Ms. Waskin, to approve the minutes as amended. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

### Town Meeting related items:

#### **a. Conservation easements on the two Town-owned parcels are not on the warrant.**

Ms. Crystall explained that neither article was posted and gave a brief description of the chain of events. Discussion ensued about reasons, possible miscommunication, and future strategy to make sure that next year the easements are part of the warrant. Ms. Crystall noted that consultation with Town Counsel may be needed to address some issues that became evident the first time the easements were proposed. An inquiry to the New Hampshire Municipal Association (NHMA) may provide some additional guidance.

#### **b. Budget for funding of potential milfoil treatment next year.**

Ms. Crystall noted that funding for milfoil removal (diver assisted suction harvesting) this year is not in the budget, as it had been set before the grant was approved. This year the match for the grant will be covered out of the Conservation Commission funds as had been discussed in general terms previously. For subsequent years the BCC will seek inclusion of the cost for treatment into the Town budget. Discussion ensued about a reasonable amount, possible change in DES portion of the grant, need to consider future herbicide treatments, and justification of the funding to the public. Mr. Ball made a motion to request to add \$5000 into the budget for the next cycle to match the DES grant for milfoil removal on Turee Pond. Ms. Waskin duly seconded and motion passed with a unanimous vote. Ms. Crystall will petition for the amount at the Town Meeting in March.

**Turee Pond – status of various activities.**

**a. VLAP**

Mr. Ball provided an update on his progress with Volunteer Lake Assessment Program. He will go through the training. He will also need to find out more on equipment and cost for lab work. Discussion ensued about the kinds of tests, which areas of the lake to test, the need to establish a baseline, even though the herbicide treatment had occurred in 2016. Mr. Ball will provide more details at future meetings.

**b. Turee Pond Kiosk**

Ms. Waskin said she had sent an email but received no response so far.

**c. Weed Watchers**

Ms. Waskin noted that Ms. Smagula conducts Weed Watcher trainings on weeknights and Saturdays and members need to decide on a day. Ms. Crystall suggested that the Commission needs to brainstorm about where and how to advertise the training, and possibly marketing is as a training applicable to any water body. Ms. Waskin also mentioned that venue needs to be discussed: high school, Town library, or Old Town Hall. Discussion ensued about preferences and dates. Ms. Crystall said that she will contact Don Gage, Assistant Curriculum Director at the high school, to see if there is a general interest in the BCC.

**d. Long-term Variable Milfoil Management Plan – Turee Pond (Feb. 2017)**

A copy of the plan was distributed to the members. It was noted that the plan still mentions herbicide treatment for 2017 and the area for proposed treatment has not changed from last year. Ms. Crystall said that the plan had been prepared as a proposal before any actual treatment decisions were made for 2017. She asked members to review and provide further commentary. Discussion ensued about rare species preservation and fish spawn interference while suction harvesting the milfoil. Mr. Ball noted that he compared the list of species listed in the report to the list provided by the Natural Heritage Bureau and found no overlap. He also suggested to find out if NH Fish and Game could do a survey to establish a biodiversity baseline. Ms. Crystall will look for more information.

**Status of Timber Harvest.**

Ms. Crystall mentioned that she did not speak with Mr. Klemarczyk but she was aware that a forestry notification had been filed recently for a harvest on the Robinson lot. She will provide the Commission with more details once she has them.

**Planning Board/ZBA referrals, mail, workshops (post and future).**

Ms. Crystall presented the details of the Town referral form for the Planning Board application for a site plan review for Bow Auto Parts expansion on Route 3-A. Members reviewed the plans, and discussed the following: Bow Bog Brook markup on the plan, its connectivity to Merrimack River, parking spaces waiver, drainage areas, wetland buffers, and stormwater runoff. General consensus was that there were no major concerns and the parking spaces waiver should be supported.

Approved MINUTES

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Ms. Crystall asked if anyone was interested in 'Saving Special Places' Land Conservation Conference in Alton and said that UMLAC meeting will take place in Bow next Monday. She also said she will email Mr. Klemarczyk about coming in to meet with the Commission to discuss forest management.

The following mail was received by the Commission:

- Merrimack Conservation Commission District tree and shrub sale brochure;
- NHACC legislative update;
- FEMA notice about Merrimack watershed study not receiving approval;
- Ms. Crystall briefly listed all the mail the Commission received since the last meeting.

**Next Meeting:** April 17, 2017.

**Mr. Ball moved, Ms. Waskin seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM**