



## TOWN OF BOW

### Conservation Commission

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### Bow Conservation Commission

Meeting June 12, 2017

#### Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Bow Conservation Commission was held on June 12 at 7:30 PM. Chair Sandy Crystall called the meeting to order.

Members present: Sandy Crystall, Bob Ball, David Kirkpatrick, David Eskeland. Wendy Waskin was excused and Kitty Lane was absent. Also present was a prospective Conservation Commission member Amanda Kallenbach of 450 Page Road, and Alvina Snegach, recording secretary.

Ms. Crystall introduced and welcomed Ms. Kallenbach as a prospective member who was attending a commission meeting to get acquainted with its work. Ms. Kallenbach has recently become a Bow resident and is very enthusiastic about volunteering for the Town.

#### Unapproved minutes 05/15/2017

After the Commission reviewed the minutes and suggested edits Mr. Kirkpatrick made the motion, duly seconded by Mr. Ball, to approve the minutes as amended. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

#### Items for Consideration/Discussion:

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

##### **VLAP (Volunteer Lake Assessment Program)**

Mr. Ball said that the first sampling session took place on June 6. A NHDES biologist and Mr. Ball were in attendance and three locations were sampled. Mr. Ball distributed an aerial image of Turee Pond which showed sampling locations. He listed all the parameters that were looked at and for which samples will be analyzed. A report will be provided to the Town at a later date. Discussion ensued about the following: chloride levels in the pond water and which location would be best to sample for it; the possibility of creating a chloride profile at the bridge by Town pond; and school parking lot runoff into the brook. Ms. Crystall noted that she will try to get equipment to do a conductivity analysis and coordinate with Mr. Ball for the next sampling date. Members also discussed the Turee Pond reports published on the VLAP website; phosphorous levels; mercury sampling; and possibility of doing mercury analysis of fish through NHDES.

**Milfoil removal – recent diver assisted suction harvesting (DASH).**

Mr. Ball said that he went out to observe the divers on May 25 and took some photos. He also noted that when he went back to check on June 12, there was still a lot of milfoil present in some locations. Ms. Crystall suggested that the divers may still be working and said that she would email Amy Smagula at NHDES to inquire about the status of the job. She also mentioned that she was intending to email the diving company with some questions.

Then Mr. Ball displayed some fresh samples of native and invasive plants that he collected at Turee Pond. He also said that he noticed that there was a problem with the boat launch at the pond as fish spawning occurs around it and the sediment that is washing down the launch is harmful to the process. Discussion ensued about who is responsible for the design and repair of the boat ramp; former unsuccessful (not approved by NHDES) attempt to change its footprint due to disturbance of prime wetlands; regulations for power loading and how it affects the boat ramp's condition. Mr. Eskeland said that he will try to find more about power loading regulations.

**Master Plan**

**Review draft Natural Resources section and identify chapter topics, goals, and priorities to provide to the Planning Board.**

Ms. Crystall distributed a copy of the draft section. Discussion ensued about the objectives and recommendations and whether there is a need to make them less specific. Having reviewed and made changes to the 'Objectives' language the consensus was that more discussion would be needed. Ms. Crystall distributed a handout with sample goals/objectives and asked the members to review and email her any suggestions before June 26 so she could compile them for the next meeting.

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

Ms. Crystall said there were two Town referral forms from the Planning and Zoning Boards. One was for Gaetanne Realty LLC (Berube Trucks) site plan to expand the building and the second one for Continental Paving Inc. to renew their special exception for removal of natural materials. Neither project proposes wetland impacts, and no comments were provided by the commission.

**Other items**

Ms. Crystall also mentioned that the Commission received three requests for more information from NHDES regarding the three wetland permits the Town had submitted for repairing or replacing bridges.

Mr. Kirkpatrick said that he noticed that more dead turtles along Page Road since the Birchdale Road Bridge had been closed, resulting in additional traffic on Page Road.

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

**Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM**