

**Town of Newport, NH  
Newport Conservation Commission  
Minutes of January 16, 2018  
6:30 PM  
Board of Selectmen's Room/Municipal Building  
15 Sunapee Street/Newport, NH**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Stanley Hannum, Co-Chairman; Bruce Burroughs, Co-Chairman; Linda Dennis, Clifford Richer, Ken Dennis

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Kristen Boffo

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Laura French, Meadowsend Timberlands Limited

**VIDEOGRAPHER:** Louise Cassorla

**PRESENT FROM THE COMMUNITY:** Jolyon Johnson

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Burroughs called the Conservation Commission meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. followed by a roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA REVIEW:** Add Jolyon Johnson to new business.

**MINUTES:** October 17, 2017:

On a motion by **Mr. Richer**, seconded by **Mr. Hannum**; *the Board voted to approve the minutes of August 15, 2017 as submitted. All voted in favor.*

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT:**

The Board reviewed a Balance Sheet submitted by Finance Director, Paul Brown. The document states "Town of Newport Conservation Commission As of December 31, 2017." Mr. Richer inquired about \$1,500.00 that is supposed to be held in reserve to maintain the Common. Chairman Burroughs, Ms. Dennis and Mr. Dennis all would like to see a breakdown of the item titled, "Due to General Fund." Mr. Richer would like to know what the restrictions are on the "Restricted (Tree Fund)." There was a discussion about the trees along Corbin Road. The Board would like an explanation from Paul Brown.

**ADMINISTRATION:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Jolyon Johnson discussed family property located here in Newport that he and some other family members own. The property consists of approximately 400 Acres that abut the Town Forest. The family is interested in putting a conservation easement on the property. He feels the land has a historic significance for Newport. Mr. Richer stated that it was in fact, part of the Austin Corbin estate. The Board concurred about the assets and stated that they are very much in support of the possibility. Dr. Johnson will be in touch with the Board as they move forward. He thanked them for their time.

**PRESENTATION:**

Laura French, Meadowsend Timberlands Limited gave a thorough presentation of the finalized Gilman Pond Forest Management Plan 2017. *On a motion by Ms. Dennis and seconded by Mr. Richer, the Board voted unanimously to accept the plan as presented.*

Drafts of the Newport Town Forest and Maple Street Lot management plans had been emailed to the Board for their review at a future meeting.

Ms. Dennis wants the Water Department employees, including Josh Worthen to tour the Gilman Pond area to become familiar with the water source.

Update on Yeoman Property monitoring: the report has not been filed. (Linda & Cliff)

Update on Wells Property monitoring: the report has not been filed (Linda & Cliff)

Update on Barton Property monitoring: the report is done but not submitted (Stan)

*On a motion by Ms. Dennis and seconded by Mr. Richer the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:33pm. The motion was unanimous.*

Respectfully submitted,

Julie M. Magnuson  
Planning & Zoning Administrator

Approved: February xx, 2018