

**Fitzwilliam Conservation Commission**  
**22 Jan. 2018– Minutes**

**Present:** Paul Kotila, chair; Kevin Woolley, alternate; Barbara Green; Cheryl Norskey, Hiel Lindquist, Dorothy Zug

**Absent:** Rick Brackett

**Guests:** Danica Melone

**Review Minutes of 18 Dec. 2017:**

Approved as presented.

**Agenda Review:**

Zug, talk about possible meeting with abutters of the KMTF ROW's on Turner and Old Troy Roads. Also, plan to have Anne McBride come and talk about Borden property.

**Danica Melone — Planning Asst.**

Danica introduced herself to the Commission, saying she has been here for nearly 6 months, but wanted to let us know she's here to help us and will try to be at all our meetings. She graduated UNH with a major in Tourism, Planning & Development.

She said the Planning Board has just finished working on a solar ordinance, which will be presented at Town Meeting. Copies are online. They are also working on a Shoreline Protection Ordinance. She will email us the drafts, etc.

Members expressed that they would like to be invited to relevant Planning Board hearings too. She said she will scan copies of anything we need to see, such as wetlands permits.

The Commission asked if there was any progress on the Prime Wetlands Ordinance, which still has not been approved by the state. She replied there was nothing new. She asked if there was anything else we might need.

Lindquist noted that mitigation funds are still available, and it would be good to be informed about projects that could use them. He also asked if there was any update on the land offer of marshlands along Templeton Turnpike to the Town. There was not.

**Metzger TF Trails**

Members noted that the ConsCom voted last month to approve the Statement of Work (SOW) submitted by Lew Shelley of Snow Hawk LLC, for trail design work at KMTF. Kotila was absent but will sign off on the agreement.

Zug reported there is a big Class VI road sign posted at the Rhododendron Rd. portion.

There was a discussion about access to the KMTF from the east and west ROW easements. We should introduce ourselves to the owners, establish rapport, talk about maintenance of the ROW's. Zug will help Sable confirm the names and addresses of the current owners so that we may invite them to a meeting. Sable will also email Brackett on this.

Kotila suggested we could send invitations to all the abutters of the KMTF.

**Property Updates: Chamberlain, Tolton, Wenniger, Campbell**

Brackett reported in email that the Chamberlain transaction is on track for closing in February. He added that around 30 people attended the free Ice Fishing event there on Sip Pond on Saturday, and thanked the Highway Department for plowing.

We will address parking after the closing.

**Templeton Turnpike/Stone Pond parcel —**

Brackett will be following up on his conversation with a family representative.

**Dog Waste Cleanup Bags:**

Lindquist emptied the container recently. It was half full.

**Solar Array Proposal:**

Nothing reported.

**Monadnock Advisory Committee Update:**

Lindquist shared their annual report which should go into our Town Report.

**Site Walk Reports:**

None

**Budget Reports: 2018 Budget:**

Members discussed the 2018 operating budget, our CIP request, and the Land Use Change Tax fund.

Expenses YTD: \$0

Payroll YTD —\$58.71

**Planning Board:**

See above under “Danica Melone.”

**Other Business:**

The NHACC newsletter mentioned HB1233, described as a bill to preempt the local regulation of seeds and fertilizer, requested by the department of agriculture, markets, and food. Sable read the text and raised concerns that it would prohibit local regulation of a broad range of agricultural products and uses. There was a discussion about what to do, as the bill was scheduled to come before the Environment and Agriculture Committee in Concord on the next day (Jan. 23). Kotila suggested we recommend that the town Agricultural Committee send something to the state legislative committee (Environment & Agriculture). We could also look into whether the town has any regulations in place that might be affected, and individuals could write to the legislative committee members and our state representatives.

Also, Zug reminded the Commission to ask Anne McBride to come and discuss the Borden property.

**Correspondence:**

DES — Forestry Notification, John Tommila, M 14, L 16, 16-1, 17. Do we comment on it? Only if it concerns wetlands.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Next meeting will be Feb. 19th, 2018, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanne Sable, Secretary