

**Fitzwilliam Conservation Commission**  
**19 Sept. 2016 – Minutes**

**Present:**

Members: Paul Kotila, chair; Dorothy Zug, Barbara Green, Kevin Woolley—alternate, Rick Brackett, Hiel Lindquist

**Absent:** Cheryl Norskey

**Guests:** None

**Review Minutes of 19 August 2016**

Approved as amended.

**Agenda Review:**

Linda Tolton, Open Space.

**Dog Waste Cleanup Bags:**

The station is in Lindquist's garage. Debbie had said the selectmen didn't want us to put it up on the Rail Trail until we talked to them, and we need permission from NH Trails. Members discussed alternative locations such as the WGTF trail. Kotila later went next door to talk to Selectmen. Another alternative might be the Depot common, which would require permission from the Fire Association. Lindquist will write to the state and Kotila will write a memo to the Rockwood Pond folks.

**Chamberlain Property—Update:**

Kotila wrote the letters and the Conservancy sent in the grant. Letters went to the NHDES Wetlands Bureau and NH State Conservation Committee.

**Wetlands Survey Update—Rick:**

Van de Poll will meet with us on our next meeting date, Oct. 17th. Kotila later confirmed with Susan Silverman that this will take place at 6:30 p.m.

**Metzger TF Stewardship Plan Changes:**

Kotila has received no comments from members. Brackett has been in touch with Mike Powers. We can schedule a discussion about this in November.

**Solar Array Proposal:**

No news.

**Open Space Committee Updates—Dorothy:**

The final article appeared in the September newsletter instead of October, but it came out well and is readable. She is pleased and the OSC is now laid down. Zug will be meeting later in the week with Linda Tolton, who asked how logging might affect the sale of her property. Members noted she would need to file an intent to cut, etc. Logging would reduce the value of the land, as that is part of an appraisal. The cost of an average building lot in Fitzwilliam is about \$35,000.

**Monadnock Advisory Committee Update:**

No news.

**Site Walk Reports:**

Lindquist has been to the WGTF. The trail to parking lot needs trimming. The map supply is adequate.

**Budget Reports:**

Payroll, YTD— \$824.55; Expenses, YTD: \$525.93; The annual Budget Committee meeting date for the Cons Comm. is Dec. 1, 7:10 p.m. Oct 13th is the deadline for our budget. There was a discussion about our next Conservation Fund request. **The** Forest Management Plan will use up quite a bit of what's currently in the Fund. Kotila noted we need more trail markers, etc. Printing was the budget item causing the most discussion last year. There could also be consulting fees from the prime wetlands study. It would be good to prepare a handout for Town Meeting and put something in the February newsletter regarding a history of what we've done with Conservation funds. Lindquist will compile a list of what's been done, and Kotila will pull it together.

Green will send a draft budget proposal to members.

**Planning Board:**

No news.

**Other Business:**

Sable received an updated copy of the Land Use section of the Fitzwilliam Code Book from the Selectmen's Office. She will file it in the little office.

Green mentioned a couple of building projects taking place on the lake, at E Lake Rd. and Spicer's Point. Aren't being asked to look at applications in the WPOD, as nobody is asking us for comment.

Kotila said he would see if we can chat with Selectmen and went next door.

**Correspondence:**

NH Sustainable Forestry Initiative workshop, Sept. 23; memo from Chris Holman re NH Method Fall wetland workshops, Sept. 23; letter from DES re compliance with Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act at Lakeside Drive; DES wetlands permit for Eversource; DES Shoreland Impact permit for an addition and septic system update; DES letter re a septic system failure on Richmond Road; Letter from DES re closure of unfounded complaint at Sunset Rd.; Save the Date announcement, NHACC annual meeting & conference, Nov. 12; Annual Town Budget memo.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Next meeting—Oct. 17, 2016, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanne Sable, Secretary