

Town of Newington, NH  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Meeting Minutes, Thursday, July 14, 2016

**Call to Order:** Co-Chair Jane Hislop called the July 14, 2016 meeting at 6:30 PM.

**Present:** Co-Chair Jim Weiner; Sandy Devins; Cindy Gunn; Bill Murray; Alternate Member, Jane Kendall

**Absent:** Ann Morton; Interim Planner, Gerald Coogan

**Public Guests:** John and Meg Ripley

**1) Conservation Easements and Mitigation Discussions:** Ripley Property at 50 Old Post Road, Tax Map 17, Lot 15/A.R.M.s application for Eversource Transmission line mitigation

Co-Chair Weiner said he had received an email notification from Interim Planner, Gerald Coogan earlier in the day that the appraisal for the Ripley property had been received, but the commissioners hadn't had chance to review it so he suggested they schedule another meeting with the Ripleys in two weeks.

John Ripley of Old Post Road said he would be available to meet on Thursday, July 28, 2016.

Co-Chair Hislop suggested that everyone could go through the report and flag items for discussion.

Upon further reflection, Co-Chair Weiner suggested that the Ripley's come in at 7 p.m.

The Ripleys left the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

*At 6:47 p.m. Co-Chair Weiner moved to call a non-public session under RSA: 91-A:3IID. Jane Kendall seconded the motion and all were in favor.*

*At 7:13 p.m. Co-Chair Weiner moved to close the non-public session. Jane Kendall seconded the motion and all were in favor.*

**2) Other Business:** NCC Six-month expense report (Jan to June 2016)

The Commission discussed which budget line item payment for appraisal of conservation easement proposals should come. Commissioner Gunn commented that they could run into problem paying goods and services out of the Conservation Fund that was intended for land purchase.

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Co-Chair Hislop stated that the Consultants line item was already deficient and Commissioner Gunn suggested using funds from the Legal budget.

Co-Chair Weiner stated that the Commission had already paid \$2,000 to RCCD for grant research for the Ripleys property and they might pay another \$1,000 before they were through.

*Jane Hislop recommended that the Board of Selectmen authorize the transfer \$500 from the Conservation Commission's Beautification budget line and \$1,500 from the Town Forest budget line into the Consultant line item and have Jane Kendall send the request in writing to the Board of Selectmen. Jim Weiner seconded the motion and all were in favor.*

*Jane Hislop amended the motion recommended that the Board of Selectmen authorize the transfer \$1,000 from the Legal budget line into the Consultant line item and have Jane Kendall send the request in writing to the Board of Selectmen. Sandy Devins seconded the motion and all were in favor.*

**Correspondence and Invoices:**

*Jim Weiner made a motion to request payment of \$2,200 from the Consultant budget to Peter Knight for property appraisal of John and Meg Ripley's property on Old Post Road for consideration of a conservation easement. Cindy Gunn seconded the motion and all were in favor.*

*Jim Weiner made a motion to request payment of \$260.50 to Allegra Print and Imagining out of the Community Education budget for the Spring by the Bay II mailings and poster. Sandy Devins seconded the motion and all were in favor.*

**Minutes:**

*Co-Chair Hislop made a motion to approve the Minutes of June 2, 2016 with corrections as discussed. Commissioner Gunn seconded and all were in favor.*

**Additional Discussions:**

**A) Community Education**

Co-Chair Weiner suggested that the Commission request a list of public education speakers from Julia Peterson with NROC for future presentations to avoid multiple meetings and long discussions.

**B) Landscaping Requirements**

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Commissioner Kendall informed passed out copies of the Commission's landscaping requirements for commercial and residential developments that was adopted in 2007 in response to questions that had been raised by applicants and the Planning Board about the requirement for plans that included planting and maintenance specifications and were signed by licensed landscape architects or designers for commercial development.

Co-Chair Hislop added that bonds could be held for anyone that was not compliant as they did with the Eastern Bearing site on Nimble Hill Road. She added that the building inspector needed to contact Portsmouth Sign company because they had not been compliant with their landscape and planting agreement on the corner of Nimble Hill Road and Mitchell Lane.

Commissioner Kendall pointed out that Portsmouth Sign had not mowed while DOT was using the corner for a laydown area while they were working on Mitchell Lane and Exit 4 onto Nimble Hill Road. She said they had since mowed, but sumac and other brush had begun to succeed the edge of the lot from neglect. Co-Chair Weiner commented that they needed a bush hog to clear the area.

**Adjournment:**        *Jim Weiner moved to adjourn. Bill Murray seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.*

**Next Meeting:**        Monday, August 11, 2016

**Respectfully  
Submitted by:**        Jane K. Kendall, Recording Secretary

*These Minutes were approved and adopted at the August 11, 2016 Conservation Commission Meeting.*