

TOWN OF BEDFORD
February 11, 2020
CONSERVATION COMMISSION WORKSHOP
MINUTES

A meeting of the Bedford Conservation Commission was held on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at the Bedford Town Offices, 24 No. Amherst Road, Bedford, NH. Present were Beth Evarts, Maggie Wachs, Mac McMahan, James Drake, Patricia Grogan and Bill Carter. Absent were, Bob MacPherson, Denise Ricciardi, Greg Schain and Catherine Rombeau. Also present, Rebecca Hebert, Planning Director and Karin Elmer, Planner 1 .

Ms. Evarts opened the meeting at 6:30 and had the Commission members introduce themselves.

The Bedford Conservation Commission held an informal workshop to discuss general conservation planning issues and proposed revisions to the Conservation Commission Rules of Procedure. Ms. Elmer handed out red line copies of proposed changes to both the Rules of Procedure and the Submittal Policy. After discussion, a few more modifications were made to both documents. The Commission will review the final drafts at their March 24, 2020 meeting.

MOTION by Beth Evarts to enter Nonpublic session at 7:05 pm under RSA 91-A:3, II(d) for consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community. Second by Bill Carter. Roll Call Vote: Mac McMahan- yes, Beth Evarts (Chairwoman) yes, Maggie Wachs - yes, Patricia Grogan - yes, James Drake - yes, Bill Carter – yes.

Public session reconvened at 7:45 pm.

MOTION by James Drake to seal the minutes because it is determined that divulgence of this information could render a proposed action ineffective. Second by Mac McMahan. Roll call vote: Mac McMahan- yes, Beth Evarts (Chairwoman) yes, Maggie Wachs - yes, Patricia Grogan - yes, James Drake - yes, Bill Carter – yes.

MOTION to adjourn at 7:46 pm by Mac McMahan. William Carter seconded the motion. Vote taken - all in favor. Motion carried.

*Respectively Submitted,
Karin Elmer, Planner 1*

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Ms. Elmer presented the Commission a list of properties that were identified in the Open Space Plan as high value, undeveloped lots that should be protected. There was a discussion regarding which property owners the Commission should be contacting for possible purchase of conservation easements, land donations, outright purchase of the parcel or perhaps obtaining first right of refusal from the owners.

MOTION to leave non-public session and return to public session by Mac McMahan at 7:45 pm. Second by Bill Carter. All in favor.

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