

Town of Bedford  
Conservation Commission Minutes  
January 24, 2023

A meeting of the Bedford Conservation Commission was held on Tuesday, January 24, at the BCTV meeting room at 10 Meetinghouse Road, Bedford. Present were Patricia Grogan (Chair), William Carter (Vice Chairman, Town Council Representative), Kathleen Bemiss (Town Council alternate member), Deborah Evans (member), Grant Killian (alternate member), Stephanie Jones (member), Kathleen Ports (Associate Planner). Absent were Julie Donovan (member), Gregory Handy (member), Peter Sullivan (alternate member), Stephen Clough (Planning Board representative).

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chair Grogan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and appointed Mr. Killian to vote. Ms. Ports reviewed the agenda.

Ms. Bemiss read the Mission Statement:

The mission of the Bedford, New Hampshire Conservation Commission is to protect, preserve and conserve the Town's natural resources and open space land for the common good. This includes stewardship and management of conservation land, protecting wetlands and vernal pools, and the planning and acquisition of lands for conservation purposes. The Commission works with landowners to administer State and Town wetlands regulations, and advises other Town Boards, such as the Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Adjustment, on the impacts and alternative considerations regarding development projects. The Conservation Commission promotes conservation activities and communicates with the citizens of Bedford on important environmental issues.

**II. Approval of Minutes – December 13, 2022**

Chair Grogan asked if there were any corrections to the December 13, 2022 minutes. There were none.

**MOTION: Ms. Jones motioned to approve the December 13, 2022 meeting minutes. Ms. Evans seconded the motion. ALL IN FAVOR – unanimous. Vice Chair Carter and Ms. Bemiss abstained from the vote. Motion carries.**

**III. Dredge and Fill Applications to Review: None**

**IV. New Business:**

- 1. Mark and Ida Baddeley – Review of a request for a variance from Section 275-27A to remove an existing open-air deck within 42 feet of a wetland and replace it with an enclosed porch within 42 feet of a wetland where 50 feet is required at 37 Elk Drive, Lot 31-18-25, Zoned R&A.**

**Mr. Greg Rehm, owner, Liberty Hill Construction, LLC:** I'm Greg Rehm, the owner of Liberty Hill Construction. I assume everyone had a chance to review everything. Would you like me to restate it, or do you have questions? Ms. Jones replied typically we just have people give us a general overview of the project. Mr. Rehm said OK. Mark and Ida Baddeley have lived at 37 Elk for the last 36 years. In the back of their house, they have a roughly 14 by 16 structure that is composed of half of a screen porch and half of a deck. What they want is they want to be able to sit in their aging years in the back without mosquitoes, and they want to be able to look out and watch the wildlife. So, they hired us to design an addition. We tried to basically place that addition on the same footprint as existing. It won't have a foundation. It'll sit on the sonotubes, although new sonotubes—the same that are currently there. There's three sonotubes and we'll put a similar number back. That all sits 8 feet off the ground and will make a four-season room for them and replace the existing porch and deck.

Chair Grogan asked so, the sonotubes are, what the footings? Mr. Rehm replied yes, sonotubes are a cylindrical footing 12 inches wide with a flared piece at the bottom called the bigfoot, and that is your foundation versus digging a larger hole trench and pouring concrete walls. So, they're just 12-inch pier. Probably if you have a deck, that's what they sit on. Chair Grogan asked what is it composed of? Mr. Rehm replied concrete. The building inspector comes by. You dig it. They ensure that it's at least four feet below grade, which is the frost line. You pour it and then you connect your wood structure to it. Chair Grogan said OK. Mr. Rehm said so, it's not very invasive. You dig a hole about 2 feet round. You put your footing in it. You backfill it. And then you pour your concrete. So that's what's going to be new on the ground, and that'll be enough to support the new structure above. They have an existing stair that's a long, straight set of stairs that actually goes into the wetlands setback. We're eliminating those stairs, moving it to the other side to actually be a more accessible and safer set of stairs. But coincidentally, it also is no longer in the setback. Chair Grogan asked are there as many stairs or will there be less? Mr. Rehm replied actually, there's quite a few less. There's, I think, 13 treads going down now. There'll be less than six on the other side, depending on the exact grade. So, about half the set of stairs. That's an overview of the project. It's a four-season addition, roughly in the same footprint as exists with the same footing structure.

Chair Grogan asked any questions from the Committee? Vice Chair Carter asked seeing the additional roofing—before it used to go down onto the porch and then through the porch and onto the drain off—is there anything being done to relieve some of that runoff off of that roof and that new roof that extends? Mr. Rehm replied yeah, good question. So right now, the drainage is toward the wetland, so we'll switch that 90 degrees and it'll be to either side, a gable roof, dual equal pitches and then we can collect that with gutters and not allow it to go out toward the wetland, but then put it into the existing drainage system. Mr. Carter said yeah, that's fine. Trenching can do the same thing. If you were to do that since you have a machine there doing some holes. Mr. Rehm said if needed. Vice Chair Carter continued if you're moving it away from the wetland... Mr. Rehm said that was another benefit of switching the roof line. It's also more aesthetically pleasing, but it also switches the direction of that water.

Ms. Jones said the only question I had and it's a very silly question, there's a section in here where it specifies the existing wetlands setback is approximately 42 feet, and the new structure will maintain the setback or increase it to 43 feet. Is there a reason why it's kind of because right now it's at the 42 foot. I know it's only a foot difference, but I was just curious why it is specifying that, because usually most of these are kind of firm on the distance. Mr. Rehm replied yeah, so existing structure is 42. When we rebuild, you'll see a note on the surveyor's plan that says existing and then proposed and the number they called out and proposed on that far corner is 43. Ms. Jones replied OK, thank you. Vice Chair

Carter asked so you're further away? Mr. Rehm replied yes, but to be fair, a portion of it is also at the 42 because we're basically putting in the same place. But as it extends to the right, it actually gets farther away from the wetland. Mr. Jones said OK, I was just curious, thank you. Mr. Rehm said I honestly was trying to answer those questions and was pulling information off the survey or certified plan. Vice Chair Carter said I'm sure the room inside is the same dimension as the porch, but then you got walls because now you're looking at insulation or thicker. So yeah, you could be that way. Chair Grogan said OK. All set? Would someone like to make a motion?

**MOTION was made by Ms. Jones that the Conservation Commission recommend approval of the request for a variance by Mark and Ida Baddeley for the replacement of an open-air deck within 42 feet of the edge of wetland with an enclosed sunroom within 42 feet of the edge of the wetland at 37 Elk Drive, contingent on compliance with the Bedford Floodplain Development Ordinance. Mr. Killian seconded the motion. ALL IN FAVOR – unanimous. Motion carried.**

Chair Grogan said you're all set. Mr. Rehm said wonderful. Follow-up question. So relative to the floodplain ordinance, we dug into this a little bit before, and maybe you know more than I. We talked to the building inspector and basically our understanding is that, although we need to pass the Planning Board that we just need to modify some of the components and building materials we're using to comply with that ordinance, per the inspector's feedback. Does anyone know it different than? Vice Chair Carter said your footing is going to be aboveground, four feet plus, and then you you're using pressure treated to build your... yeah, so that... Chair Grogan added build your porch. Mr. Rehm agreed. Carter said that should be fine. I mean you can't control 100-year flood. Mr. Rehm said no, actually the existing first floor is in the floodplain. So, if we get to the floodplain, the entire first floor of the house is under water. Mr. Carter said have a canoe in the porch and be all set. Ms. Bemiss asked how did they do on the Mother's Day flood? Mr. Rehm replied they did just fine, which is kind of our benchmark. But yeah, so even the inspector was like this doesn't really make sense, but I'll work with you, and we'll make sure it works. Vice Chair Carter added again, it's not like you're building it below grade. You're building it above grade and if it comes up 8 feet, well, you have a nice view. Mr. Rehm said yes. Ms. Jones added waterfront. Mr. Rehm said well, thank you for your time, I appreciate it very much. Vice Chair Carter replied thank you for coming out tonight.

## **2. Andrew Deml – Eagle Scout Project**

My name is Andrew Deml. About two months ago I did my Eagle project. I was able to carry out my Eagle project, which was setting up emergency location signs at the Van Loan Preserve. My goal for this project was couple of simple things: have the signs spaced out about approximately a 10th of a mile apart, just so as you're walking, you'll be able to regularly see them and recognize that they're there; have them simple and understandable, like have simple and understandable codes on the signs so that looking at them you can understand what they mean and how you're supposed to use them; and have the signs easily located and identifiable—have unique signs but keep them consistently coded; and then having the codes follow the previous system used at Pulpit Rock. A similar project was done at Pulpit Rock a few years ago and the Bedford Fire Department advised me to continue with the same general system for the sign codes.

This is just an example sign that I was able to put up. It has your 911 location is, and then a unique code. This is all the locations that they were set up. A couple of them are further apart than 1/10 of a mile. Some are closer together just because of the way the trails were. It wasn't always possible to set them

up in a viable location. These were given to the Bedford Fire Department in the format that they wanted. That's pretty much it. If you have any more questions or if you want me to clarify...

Vice Chair Carter asked when someone hurts themselves and has to give that 911 location, they need to make sure they say Van Loan, right? Or is that code on the sign only for Van Loan? Mr. Deml replied I'm not sure... saying that they're at the Van Loan Preserve. Vice Chair Carter clarified OK, they need to make sure they say Van Loan R3, because I would imagine that Pulpit has the same. Ms. Ports said they have an R-lettered system at Pulpit, but none of the other letters. Vice Chair Carter said OK, I'm just saying that maybe on our sign board, going into Van Loan, it should say if you happen to hurt yourself, remember you're in Van Loan and that the code that you give is Van Loan because there's nothing worse to say R2 and they don't know where they are and they go to Pulpit and that's not going to be good. It's just something down the road that if we start doing this in other areas, that the signs really should state where they are. It might add a few letters on it, but if you're making signs up, I think saying Pulpit, R2 or Van Loan R2. If we do this in other locations that just something down the road, we should really look at because I think people that are walking this might not always be from the Town. They might be visiting, and someone says, hey, you should really go down to Van Loan and they say OK and they're just walking, and they don't realize. It's just one of those things to make it easier for our firefighters and our police to get to there. Just a suggestion.

Chair Grogan asked, any questions? Ms. Bemiss said I think you did a great job. Vice Chair Carter said no, no, it's great. Don't take it wrong. I mean I'm just saying that working with the emergency people in Town, it's just easier if people know where they are, that's all. Chair Grogan said it's a great, great project. Would you step forward here, please? So, Andrew, on behalf of myself and the entire Commission, I'd like to present you with a Certificate of Appreciation. Mr. Deml said thank you so much. Ms. Evans said good luck with your Eagle Scout. Chair Grogan said great, great job. Keep up the good work. We have lots of trails in Bedford. Mr. Deml said that's all I have. Chair Grogan said thank you, Andrew.

### **3. The Big Read Grant Opportunity with Bedford Public Library**

Ms. Ports said in early January I was contacted by the Bedford Public Library asking if the Bedford Conservation Commission would like to partner with them on a grant proposal to participate in the nationwide Big Read. The State of New Hampshire has selected the book called *The Bear*, and it's a post-apocalyptic story of a father and daughter. They're the only two survivors. There are landmark references to Monadnock and other similar geographic features in New Hampshire. In this particular story, it's a story of this father and daughter living in the wilderness, and so it seemed like a really great programming opportunity. The grant application asks for book discussions and then partner programs. We put forward an application for three, potentially four, book discussions all at different times of the day, so that more people could participate, including a potentially virtual meeting. And then we've asked the New Hampshire Fish and Game to present on black bears. That will be a library program in the building in the evening. We have the Audubon Society scheduled for two presentations with New Hampshire wildlife and that will be an interactive, hands-on program. We have an astronomy program that will be held out at Joppa Hill Farm, and we have a presentation with the Abenaki tribe. We're hoping to do that on a Sunday afternoon so that we can catch some of those sporting families that that are busy on Saturdays. They will be doing a story and also talking about navigation. There'll be a craft project that goes with that. And I think we're going to do that at the farm. We have not finalized the location, but we have submitted our application. The State is compiling them, and they loved our application. We got great feedback right away, so that was very encouraging. We will find out in April if

we won the grant. Even if we don't, we still believe that we will be able to move forward with offering all the programs and the book discussions. One thing that comes with getting the grant is it'll pay for the books. If you enroll to participate, you can get a free copy of the book and it's a good book for adults and possibly also young adults—so good family activity potentially. Chair Grogan said thank you.

Ms. Jones asked residents or interested parties wouldn't necessarily be able to apply until you know if you're going forward? Ms. Ports replied that's a good question. I should ask the library if they're going to announce it sooner or wait until they know for sure if they're going to get the grant. I can find that out and let you guys know next month. Ms. Evens said can I ask, we're doing it jointly with the library and it's going to take place at the library. So how is our support of this, particularly your work, going to be recognized as part of the event or the events? Ms. Ports replied well, there is a contribution in hours and I did voluntold you all to join us. We'll just need a couple of volunteer hours, potentially at some of the bigger programming events where we might need some crowd control or just some driving traffic around or coordinating traffic. But we are trying to offer some of the programs out at Joppa Hill Farm Conservation Area on some of the conservation properties. And we will be able to use our logo and get our name out there. I do feel like it's a good opportunity for us to elevate our profile. Chair Grogan asked this will be on our website? Ms. Ports replied yes. Ms. Evans said thank you.

#### **4. Community Conservation Cohort**

Ms. Ports stated the Community Conservation Cohort is typically an annual program. They've had 15 communities and 57 participants over the last couple of years. It started in 2020. The purpose is to gain tools and skills to develop and implement a hands-on project to protect wildlife and natural resources. We have considered submitting in the past. We did submit the first year I came on board. It was kind of a last-minute scramble, and we weren't selected. When I asked when this was going to be released, they hadn't made a decision yet, so I'm assuming the program will go forward again this year. Some examples of projects that have been supported are a self-guided educational trail, a project to protect wildlife corridors through education and engage public support, identifying wildlife corridors in another community, increasing public awareness about vernal pools, and engaging townspeople to monitor and protect the habitats. There's also been a project to designate a Town forest and a project to complete a natural resources inventory. So those are examples. I didn't want us to miss out on an opportunity if that was something that the Commission was interested in. If there was a project that you guys were excited about and wanted to propose, we don't need to be ready right this minute, but we would need a couple folks to step forward and brainstorm on what kind of project we'd like to support. There is a commitment of time and meetings involved, and I'm not exactly sure, but it's several months. I think it starts mid-year and it goes to April of the next year. I just wanted to put that out there, so we didn't lose track of it as something to be thinking about. If you guys want to send me a project idea, and we can bounce those ideas around and see if there's a big enough group that's interested and excited about something, then we could move forward. And that might be something we could just touch base on at the Workshop next month. Ms. Jones asked do you know is the website [takingactionforwildlife.org/com](http://takingactionforwildlife.org/com), the UNH website, is that the correct spot? Ms. Ports said yes. Ms. Jones replied OK, thank you.

#### **5. Conservation Easement Monitoring Summary**

Chair Grogan said OK, and you've been monitoring some of our conservation easements. Ms. Ports said yes, I have been, and I had some help, including Deborah and a PLC volunteer, Dave Butler. I gave you guys a staff report summary of our findings. I did review the properties last year, which was the first

time in about 5 years that they had been visited, so this should become an annual event. You are all more than welcome to take on a property inspection and/or join me at any time. And now that I've got the system down and the contacts made, it's a pretty quick endeavor. But everybody is in good shape. I'd say the biggest issues out there are invasive plants. There are some properties that don't have tags and that would be something that I should build into my schedule next year is to start tagging property boundaries while I'm out doing the monitoring program. I might have to change some of the timeframe. So, for example I did not inspect Greenfield Farms. I would really like to get out there this winter. It's extremely wet so I'm hoping that we get some good, hard, solid freezes. Mr. Carter said there's plenty of snow now. Get the snowshoes out and we can... Ms. Ports said yes.

Chair Grogan asked will you send us an e-mail when you're going to do that one? Ms. Ports replied sure, absolutely. And all the monitoring reports are on the Google Drive if you want to see them. Oh, and I should just mention that the PLC that holds the conservation easements on Town properties also monitors every year and sends an end of the year report. And in general, the list was much shorter than it has been in previous years. Unfortunately, there's a few encroachments that we're working on, but generally nothing terribly disconcerting. Chair Grogan said OK, good. Ms. Jones said I have a question about the location of the garbage. Would you need or want volunteers, or is this something we could target like on CUB Day in the spring? Ms. Ports said yes, possibly we could do a cleanup at the at the Hoffman property on CUB Day. That might be a good event for all of us to join up and do. Vice Chair Carter said I think I'm a little busy that day. Chair Grogan said at Bowman Brook, right? Ms. Ports said I'm also working on a list of trail and property improvements that are needed and so it could be that a trail volunteer or some other group might take that on as a project. Vice Chair Carter said we might be able to get maybe some kind of restaurant or business to adopt that area as part of CUB Day or cleaning up some public service time within the community. Ms. Ports said it's pretty isolated, so it wouldn't be a great publicity location, and I don't think I would want to encourage young children on that property. I think we can find a way to get it done. Ms. Jones said OK.

#### **6. National Trails Day - June 3, 2023 AM or June 4, 2023 PM**

Chair Grogan asked do you want to tell us about National Trails Day? Ms. Ports replied yes. A thought I had was to sponsor a National Trails Day event that could be maybe one to three or four conservation properties with trails where we have a backlog of work that needs to be done and organizing that day where people can sign up and join to do some trail work at those locations. I would work with the trail stewards to ask them to help coordinate those work groups. Sort of like what we do when we have a Pulpit Rock workday. Depending on how many people come, we actually have several projects mapped out so that different people can lead different tasks. It would hopefully be maybe an annual tradition and a way to promote and honor the trail work that the stewards have been doing and give them a little extra hand from the community. It would be, I think, nice to have something that's on the calendar reoccurring, kind of like Cub Day, but have it be trail work. We could also potentially have maybe some events where we are sharing new trails. So, for example, we could have some tours or guided walks out at Marston where we built trails this past year. We have new snowshoe trails out at Legacy, so we could potentially do a little walk out there, maybe one or two to showcase and one or two or three different projects going on. The National Trail Day is June 3rd, but again, in the summer that's before school gets out. I don't know what sports schedules are like, so I didn't know if it would make sense to do something on a Sunday afternoon instead. I guess I'm just looking to find out if you guys support the idea and whether you have some thoughts on how we would structure it and which day we would have it on. Ms. Jones said I think it sounds like something that residents would be highly interested in based on their response to the Trail Stewardship program and everything. I can't speak though to Saturday versus

Sunday because someone like me, I could do either, but I don't know. You have your daughter, and she has a schedule, so I don't know how that would work. Chair Grogan replied we can talk about it at the Workshop. Ms. Ports said yes, we could. Maybe ask around? Ask some families that you know or some and volunteers what kind of workday would work for them? Chair Grogan said all right.

## **Old Business:**

### **1. Marston-Dunlap Archaeological Study RFP Results**

Ms. Ports said you have a staff report in front of you. You directed staff to seek some bids for a proposal for a Phase 1A Archaeological Sensitivity Assessment. We shared the bid on the website and emailed it directly to 10 local consultants identified on the State Department of Historic Resources website. We received three bids. They all are highly capable and qualified to complete the work. I did speak with the Bedford Historic Society. One of the representatives there, Beverly Thomas, is an employee of the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance, and she assured me that the lowest bid fully met the requirements of the scope of work that we requested. That would be my recommendation that we ask to have the whole property surveyed since the difference between doing the whole property and a subset of the property was not substantially different.

Ms. Evans said I have I have a question about the cheaper bid. It seemed to be saying that they weren't going to do anything about the items they found above ground, whereas the other ones did. And so, I wasn't sure exactly what that excluded, because that seemed to be part of why we were doing it. Ms. Ports replied I think that it has to do with an actual evaluation and submitting the forms to the State. And so, I think they would identify, but they're not going to collect and submit anything for recording. Let me look here. For example, Near View did say in the unlikely event that an artifact is recovered, collections will be prepared for curation and compliance with specifications in the NH DHR regulations. Then it went on to say a limit of two items was assumed in their scope of work. Is that what you're referencing? Ms. Evans said unfortunately I didn't bring my notes with me, but it seemed... Ms. Ports continued and then the other one said... Ms. Evans said I was concerned that the cheaper one was sort of more of an introductory assessment, which would then involve us potentially having more expense for the follow up. But if you're telling me that it fully meets all the requirements, then I'm happy to bow to your knowledge on that. Ms. Ports said OK.

Ms. Bemiss asked the Victoria Bunker one, does that include identifying like where there might be stone walls and those things? Is that included as part of that? Ms. Jones asked is that part of the LiDAR survey, or would that be? Ms. Evans asked could you pull it up on the screen? Ms. Ports replied yes, I could. Ms. Evans said that would be helpful. Thank you. Vice Chair Carter added, LiDAR is an aerial drone. Ms. Jones replied yes, but she asked about stone walls, so it gives you... Ms. Ports continued; they will be sharing a map. Ms. Jones said I guess that's where I was trying to make the connection between the two. Ms. Ports said of their findings? Alright, for example, so, there's a literature search. Then they're going to pull available information on historic elements. Then they'll do the pedestrian survey and that will be mapped, exhibiting archaeological resource sensitivity, cemeteries, graveyards, stone walls, any visible archaeological resources. Ms. Jones said OK. Perfect. Ms. Evans said that was the other question I had. They also will not attend any public meetings. So presumably they won't come and present to us their findings. Ms. Ports said no, but I think they do allow for phone calls. And we could ask them to scope a visit to present their findings if we wanted. Ms. Evans said I think I would like that. Just a summary. It doesn't have to be in detail, but just an overview of what they found I think would be helpful. Ms. Ports said yes. I can ask them to do that. Ms. Evans said thank you. Ms. Ports

said so, if we made a motion this evening, do we want to suggest that maybe up to another \$500.00 for a visit to a meeting or something of that nature? How would you handle that, Mr. Carter? Vice Chair Carter replied I would think at \$149 an hour, I don't think they're going to be here for an hour. I saw on the proposal what is being paid for each person that's working on this. Ms. Ports replied well, they have to get here, and they're in Alton. Vice Chair Carter replied all right. So, you're in that... not to exceed \$450 because then you're talking about 3 hours if they come here. If that's the top two people coming. But again, yes. Any way you see it. We can say not to exceed \$4,000, because the bid is at \$3,500 and then we have a little extra in there just so that if they can coordinate to be here to give us, then at least we're paying for that service of them being here. Ms. Bemiss added, and their report may be fine, and we don't need it, but at least we'll build it in. Mr. Carter said that's why we just add not to exceed into there.

**MOTION was made by Vice Chair Carter to recommend that the Conservation Commission award the contract to Victoria Bunker, Inc. and approve the expenditure of not more than \$4,000 of Conservation funds to complete the Phase IA Survey of the entire property. Ms. Evans seconded the motion. ALL IN FAVOR - Unanimous. Motion carried.**

## **2. February Workshop Topics**

Ms. Ports said just briefly, Ms. Hebert and I thought that we would spend a little bit of time on each of these topics at our February workshop. The Optional Powers is really just an update for you, so that won't take very long. It is from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. We're going to be meeting at the Public Library, so we'll just split the time between those different topics. We can provide an update on the latest and greatest from other state and local organizations and how they're addressing these issues. And we can decide if there's something that you guys would like to embrace. Sound good? And we will add the cohort.

## **V. Other Business:**

### **1. Cub Day April 15, 2023**

Vice Chair Carter said starting the word, April 15th, 2023 from 9 to 1. It will be our Third Annual Spring CUB Cleanup Day. To date we have picked up a little bit under 4 1/2 tons of roadside trash over the first four events, which are spring and fall of the last two years. I'd like to thank the support that I get from the Board, the Commission here, to help pick up and if you know of any businesses that would like to participate. We do have a lot of participation from our students, high school, a lot of organizations stand behind it to help us with that. The roads look a lot cleaner right now because we do have about a foot and half of snow on them. Before we had snow, I was doing some reconnaissance work walking along and I was going to say OK next Sunday I'm going to go out and grab a bag. Well, unfortunately we had snow, so it'll still be there in the spring. It's going to be a great time. We'll get the word out on all social media. We'll do a PSA here at BCTV, both radio and TV. It's a great time. A short four hours and you don't have to spend the four hours. You can just do an hour and just keep our community clean. I thank everyone for the support when it comes to that helping with the CUB Day. Thank you.

Ms. Bemiss said Madam Chairman, can I ask you a quick question? Chair Grogan said you sure can. Ms. Bemiss said Mr. Carter, do we know if, from one April to the next April, is the amount of trash that we're collecting remaining consistent? Or is it getting less? By having clean roads is it detracting from people throwing things? Vice Chair Carter replied to be honest with you, spring is the biggest part of the trash. The last two fall days I've seen lot less trash. Now, obviously, I only speak for the roads that I keep an



eye on which are right around Amherst, Bedford Center, Wallace, New Boston. But from going around Town, I see that it is working in other parts of Town. It's just unfortunately the feeder roads to our transfer station seem to be the roads that are the ones that tend to have most of the roadside trash. Chair Grogan said Beals Road is really bad. Vice Chair Carter said it's feeder roads that come in from other communities and stuff like that. There are certain roads, and basically when somebody asked where we need to clean up, I try to keep the younger kids around the schools. The high school tends to do some of the bigger roads when I get some of the teens. And then we have residents and organizations that are out there picking up certain areas. As time goes on, I tend to know where I'm sending people, and really that's why it's down to a scope of four hours because I know within that 4-hour period that scope of roads can be picked up and blue bags ready to go to be picked up by the DPW. Ms. Bemiss said thank you. Ms. Ports asked Mr. Carter, if you measured the tonnage from the first April that we did it and the next year, there was a slight reduction. Is that correct? Vice Chair Carter replied yes, definitely. Of that little bit under four and half tons, the first year was probably close to 3 tons in those first two days. It's one of those things. It's only two days, but I do see people out there on normal days and there will be blue bags. Blue bags are always available at the transfer station. Even though we do have five locations which starts that April 1<sup>st</sup>. But you can always get the blue bags up at the transfer station, and you don't even have to wait. You can bring them on your next delivery when you go to the transfer station. It is getting better. I wish I could say that after three years we can stop doing CUB Cleanup Day. But I am a realist and I know that we'll continue, and I know on a regular basis my wife and I are always out there picking up the roadside trash. If I call DPW, they're always there to pick up the bags. Chair Grogan said thanks, Mr. Carter.

#### **VI. Announcements:**

Chair Grogan said I have a few announcements tonight.

There will be two moonlight walks at Legacy Park on February the 3rd. The earlier program is for all ages and the latter program is for 16 and up. Register through the Parks and Rec Department.

The UNH Cooperative Extension is accepting applications for their New Hampshire Coverts project. The project trains volunteers in wildlife conservation, forest stewardship, and effective outreach. The training involves one Zoom session and three in-person sessions, and they'll be in May.

#### **VIII. Non-Public Session:**

Chair Grogan said I understand there's a nonpublic session tonight.

**MOTION made by Vice Chair Carter to go into nonpublic session per 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. Ms. Bemiss duly seconded the motion. Roll Call vote taken: Ms. Bemiss, Ms. Evans, Mr. Killian, Chair Grogan, Vice Chair Carter, Ms. Jones all voted in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

Have a good night, Bedford. Good night.  
The Commission moves to nonpublic session.

The public portion of the meeting ended at 8:11 p.m.

**MOTION was made by Chair Grogan to leave nonpublic session at 8:15 pm. Vice Chair Carter seconded the motion. Roll Call vote taken: Ms. Bemiss, Ms. Evans, Mr. Killian, Chair Grogan, Vice Chair Carter, Ms. Jones all voted in favor. Motion carried.**

**IX. Adjourn**

**MOTION to adjourn was made by Vice Chair Carter at 8:16 pm. Ms. Jones duly seconded the motion. ALL IN FAVOR – unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

The next meeting will be held on March 28, 2023.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Forcier