

TOWN OF BEDFORD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION WORKSHOP MINUTES
OCTOBER 27, 2020

A meeting of the Bedford Conservation Commission was held on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 via the Zoom meeting platform.

Present: Maggie Wachs, (Chair), Bill Carter (Vice Chair & Town Council), Stephen Clough (PB Rep), Stephanie Jones, Bob McPherson, Patricia Grogan, Karin Elmer (Planner I), Rebecca Hebert (Planning Director).

Absent: Beth Evarts (alternate), Denise Ricciardi (Town Council Alternate), Greg Schain (alternate),

7:00 PM Call to Order

Chairman Wachs called the Bedford Conservation Commission meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Members of the Commission introduced themselves via roll call and all indicated they were alone in the room during this online meeting.

Ms. Elmer read a statement:

- *Due to the Coronavirus crisis and in accordance with Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, the Conservation Commission is authorized to meet electronically.*
- *This meeting is being conducted using the Zoom platform. All members of the Board have the ability to communicate with each other during the meeting, and the public has access to listen and participate by dialing 929-205-6099 and entering the Meeting ID # 935-4594-4975 and the meeting Password 937669. Instructions regarding remote access to the meeting have been published in advance and are available on the Conservation Commission agenda, which is posted on the Town website.*
- *There is no physical location for the meeting, which is permissible pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. Town of Bedford is providing public access to the Zoom meeting by telephone, and the meeting will also be broadcast live on BCTV's Channel 22.*
- *Members of the public may email staff at planning@bedfordnh.org to ask questions during the meeting or notify us of technical issues. If you have joined the meeting using Zoom, you may also ask questions when the Chair opens the hearing for public comment through your phone connection.*
- *All votes will be taken as a roll call vote.*

- *If there are technological issues during the meeting, the Chair will recess the meeting and we will try to correct the problem. If the issue continues, the application will be postponed, and the meeting will be adjourned.*

Ms. Elmer read the agenda for the evening's meeting.

Ms. Wachs read the Conservation Commission Mission Statement.

Approval of Minutes:

- August 25, 2020 Conservation Commission Minutes (**Non-Public Minutes**)

MOTION by Mr. McPherson moved to approve the non-public August 25, 2020 minutes as written. Seconded by Mr. Carter. Roll call vote: Ms. Wachs, yes, Mr. MacPherson, approve, Mr. Carter, approve, Mr. Clough, approve, Ms. Jones, approve, Ms. Grogan, approve – Motion passed.

- September 22, 2020 (**Non-Public Minutes**)

Motion by Mr. Carter to approve the September 22, 2020 non-public minutes. Seconded by Mr. McPherson. Roll call vote: Ms. Wachs, abstained, Ms. Grogan, abstained, Mr. MacPherson, approve, Mr. Carter, approve, Mr. Clough, approve, Ms. Jones, approve – Motion passed.

- September 22, 2020 Conservation Commission Minutes

Motion by Mr. Carter to approve the September 22, 2020 non-public minutes. Seconded by Mr. McPherson. Roll call vote: Ms. Wachs, abstained, Ms. Grogan, abstained, Mr. MacPherson, approve, Mr. Carter, approve, Mr. Clough, approve, Ms. Jones, approve – Motion passed.

The Bedford Conservation Commission held an informal workshop to discuss general conservation planning issues and to discuss the new submittal policy that was adopted in June. The Commission also discussed review procedures relative to different types of applications.

Ms. Elmer updated the Commission on the rules relative to the states Alteration of Terrain permitting new wildlife study requirements.

Mr. Carter unveiled to the Commission a new initiative called *Clean Up Bedford* or *Cub* for short. He has designed a bear cub logo for the project. Public outreach will be taking place over the next few months. Stay tuned.

The Commission also discussed more ideas for possible public outreach opportunities.

Non-Public Session:

Motion by Mr. Carter to enter non-public session at 8:30 pm 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. Seconded by Mr. Clough. Roll call vote: Ms. Wachs, yes, Mr. MacPherson, yes, Mr. Carter, yes, Mr. Clough, yes, Ms. Jones, yes, Ms. Grogan, yes – Motion passed.

Motion by Ms. Wachs to come out of nonpublic at 9pm. Second by Mr. Carter. Roll call vote: Ms. Wachs, yes, Mr. Drake, yes, Mr. MacPherson, yes, Mr. Carter, yes, Mr. Clough, yes, Ms. Jones, yes – Motion passed

Motion by Ms. Jones to seal the minutes of the non-public session. Seconded by Mr. Carter. Roll call vote: Ms. Wachs, yes, Mr. MacPherson, yes, Mr. Carter, yes, Mr. Clough, yes, Ms. Jones, yes, Ms. Grogan, yes – Motion passed

Motion by Mr. MacPherson to adjourn at 8:58pm. Seconded by Mr. Carter. Roll call vote: Ms. Wachs, yes, Mr. MacPherson, yes, Mr. Carter, yes, Mr. Clough, yes, Ms. Jones, yes, Ms. Grogan, yes –

Meeting adjourned.

Respectively submitted by Karin Elmer, Planner I

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The Commission discussed the appraisal of a parcel of land for future purchase.

Motion by Ms. Wachs to authorize Ms. Elmer to submit an offer of the appraised value to property owner. Second by Mr. MacPherson. Vote: All in Favor

Motion by Mr. Carter to adjourn at 8:54pm and return to public session. Second by Mr. McPherson.

Vote: All in Favor