

Dublin Conservation Commission
DRAFT MINUTES
11/08/2023
5 PM Town Hall

Members attending: Jay Schechter, June Brening, Katie Featherston, Katy Wardlaw, John Morris, Brooke Sullivan, Rob Sullivan, Chris Raymond

Jay appointed alternates Katy Wardlaw and Rob Sullivan to sit for missing members.

Minutes from October 11th meeting were approved.

Operating Budget – Jay reported balance of \$2,860.87, Land Acquisition Fund \$94,582.34.

Advocate – Katie is drafting a leaf litter article. Jay volunteered to help write a wetlands article.

Open Space – Waiting for town attorney response to question about conservation easement and tax deeded property.

Dublin Park – Jay reported that kiosk map and text changes are underway. Several plant catalog binders have been prepared with updated information. Also available on the town website.

VLAP testing – Nancy (Howe reservoir tester) will come in December to share her testing results. John noted that historical data is available on the VLAP website and will forward information to members.

Jay shared a handout from the NHACC annual meeting about wetland zoning.

Jay reported that the Mud Pond dam was inspected by the NH Dam Bureau. He expects they will issue a report on the dam condition.

Discussion of the Grant subdivision application focused on two areas:

- the drainage pipe, in particular whether there are wetlands in the area of the pipe (which connects two wetlands at different elevations
- the common driveway as shown impinges on the wetland buffer.

Several members participated in the walk through of the property held by the Planning Board. Following the discussion, John made the following motion:

“Move to send a letter to the Planning Board expressing the following concerns. First, we request that the Planning Board hire a wetlands scientist to determine if there are hydric soils near the failed drainage pipe and second we think that the Planning Board should not approve a subdivision plan that requires a wetlands buffer waiver. The current shared driveway would

require a waiver. We ask that Jay Schechter write a letter to the Planning Board forwarding these concerns.”

Katy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jay asked everyone to consider what roles they would like to fill in the 2024 Con Comm.

The meeting adjourned at 6:04.

Respectfully submitted, John Morris, Secretary