

Commission Members: Chair Leanne Miner, Vice Chair Bill Knee, Members Cindy Crane, Rich Cooper, Anne Beliveau

I. WELCOME and CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Miner called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

II. MINUTES

- A. Ms. Miner made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for November 6, 2023. Ms. Beliveau seconded, and the vote was 5-0.**

III. NEW BUSINESS – None

IV. CONTINUED BUSINESS

- A. Land Conservation – Grants for Map 3, Lot 59 Donation/Easement, Spruce Swamp/Oak Ridge Town Forest Easements (4-66, 4-66-1 (Brown along RR), 4-18, 4-17, 2-151 (parcels between Louise Lane and RR) – A joint public hearing is being scheduled with the Select Board.**
- B. Oak Ridge North Timber Harvest -** Ms. Miner is still waiting for a Forest Management Plan from Moreno Forestry Consultants and permitting for submittal to the NHDES Wetlands Bureau for road improvements from Mark West. She will reach out to Mark West again to learn status.
- C. Easement Monitoring –** Ms. Miner and Mr. Cooper will get together to plan the first monitoring event proposed to be at the Thunder Road subdivision. She may also reach out to the County Forester to see if its possible to do a review of invasive species at the new subdivision open space off of Scriber Road, Violette Estates.

V. OTHER DEPARTMENT NEWS

- A. Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA)** The Special Exception application that came before the ZBA for placement of an accessory solar array in a wetland buffer at Map 2, Lot 151-2 (Iron Horse Park) on Iron Horse Drive on November 28, 2023 was granted with conditions as recommended by the Conservation Commission. Ms. Miner reviewed the comments/responses and read the conditions included in the decision.
- B. Planning Board –**
- a. Play Laugh N Grow Site Plan Review continues December 6. The main outstanding item is a hydrogeo report. This site is going through a permit process with the NHDES for community well (over 25 people).
 - b. The Planning Board is reviewing several zoning amendments including a new solar ordinance. Most of the proposed language is online except for the solar ordinance which continues to be discussed and is a topic of discussion on the December 6 Planning Board agenda.

VI. REPORT FOR OPEN SPACE

- A. Report –** Mr. Cooper reported about the installation of a viewing platform that was also used for a Boy Scout project. The group has postponed the B-52 hike until Sunday 12/10/23 @ 11AM. Mr. Knee reported that protective snow barriers have been put in place at the Library's trail sign. Ms. Miner made note that the Town's Annual Report will soon be due and asked Mr. Cooper for his assistance for the Open Space Advisory

Report. Lots of pictures are welcome as there will be an online version and a printed version.

VII. ADMINISTRATION

A. Calendar

1. The next meeting is January 8 at 6:30PM.
2. The talk on Eastern Coyotes is scheduled for Thursday January 11 @ 7PM.

B. Grant Tracking – Ms. Miner reminded members that she is tracking hours for the grant associated with spruce swamp easements. Mr. Knee submitted a couple of reports for recent platform and trail work.

C. Reimbursements –Lexan is needed for Oak Ridge Kiosk repair that was vandalized. The Lexan will be approximately \$300. Some fasteners and miscellaneous items will be required as well. **Ms. Miner made a motion to expend up to \$400 for the restoration of the bullet ridden Oak Ridge sign from the Forest Management fund. Mr. Knee seconded the motion which passed 5-0.**

D. Invoices – **Ms. Miner made a motion to expend \$250 from the 2024 Operational Budget to pay for Chris Schadler’s professional talk on Coyotes. Mr. Knee seconded the motion which passed 5-0.**

E. Correspondence – None

F. Administration/Budget –

1. Operating Budget (\$0 remaining)
2. Forest Management (9/30/23) \$23,131
3. Current Use (9/30/23) \$118,723
4. Residual (9/30/23) \$560
5. Arelia Mahoney (9/30/23) \$3,032

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Miner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:03PM. Ms. Crane seconded the motion, and the vote was 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Leanne Miner, Land Use Administrative Assistant