

Town of Groton Conservation Commission
754 North Groton Road
Groton, NH 03241

Meeting Minutes from 6/20/13

The Groton Conservation Commission convened at 6:45 PM. Members in attendance were Robert Ferriere, Stephen (Slim) Spafford, Nancy Watson, Louis Lieto and Paula Stata. Absent was Miles Sinclair, Select Board Representative.

Minutes from the 5/9/13 meeting were approved as submitted.
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Mr. Neil McIver presented the plans for a bridge across Hardy creek. He is preparing the Expedited Application to the Land Resources Management Wetlands Bureau. The CC approved the wetlands management part of the plan and Chairman Lieto signed the application. Mr. McIver is not doing the actual bridge construction. The CC will request a meeting with the Selectmen and Glen Hanson, who will construct the bridge, regarding information about the specific design and materials for the bridge construction.

Future activities related to the Pond:

- + Check for Deeds of Record that define property markers for the land surrounding the pond.
- + If unable to clarify land ownership around the pond, consider having the property surveyed.
- + Mow the edges of the pond to provide easier access .

The Natural Resource Inventory process provided by Deb Johnson at the 5/23/13 meeting was discussed. It was suggested that we use the resources of the UNH Cooperative Extension staff to help us identify what information we would need to know and what specific information should be included in an inventory. The CC will investigate a meeting with the Cooperative Extension to increase our knowledge of the information needed and what our responsibilities are to KHPAC.

The CC has a responsibility to increase public awareness of important aspects of NH Ecology. Suggestions included enlisting of Jo O'Connor support to use her Record Enterprise Newspaper column to keep the public informed, use Warrant Articles at Town Meetings to inform and facilitate knowledge and involvement of Groton citizens, Visit with neighbors to increase awareness of the CC and its mission to keep the public informed, provide input to the Groton Planning Board regarding Groton ecology and how that relates to the Master Planning process.

Nancy Watson suggested investigating the benefits of membership in the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions. Carol Andrew is the Executive Director.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

The next meeting will be held at the Groton Townhouse on Thursday, July 18, 2013 at 6:30 PM.