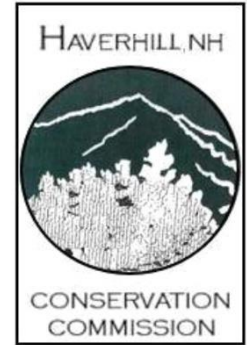




**Town of Haverhill  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 6:00 PM  
J.R. Morrill Building  
2nd Floor Conference Room  
2975 Dartmouth College Highway  
North Haverhill, NH**



**Tuesday, January 21, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Chair Currie-Huggard.

**Conservation Commission members:**

Katelyn Currie-Huggard, Chair  
Joe Mitchell, Vice Chair  
Linda O. Smith  
Marilyn Blaisdell

Carolyn Hofmann  
Lynn Fabrizio  
Ron Hurlburt, ex officio

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Chair Currie-Huggard; Lynn Fabrizio; Carolyn Hofmann (online); and Joe Longacre, acting ex officio.

**Absent:** Marilyn Blaisdell, Linda O. Smith, Joe Mitchell, and Ron Hurlburt.

A quorum was met.

**Town Staff:** Joanna Bligh, Clerk

**In-Person Visitors:** None.

**Online Visitors:**

Carolyn Hofmann

**Appointment of Acting ex officio**

Chair Currie-Huggard appointment Joe Longacre, Select Board member, as the one-time acting ex officio member of the Conservation Commission.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

Chair Currie-Huggard asked for any additions or deletions to the Agenda.

**MOTION #1:** Chair Currie-Huggard made the motion, seconded by Fabrizio, to approve the Agenda as amended.

- Clerk Bligh added three items under Correspondence.

**Voice Vote:** All in favor, none opposed, none abstained. The Agenda was approved unanimously.

**MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**Conservation Commission Minutes**

Chair Currie-Huggard asked for any additions or deletions to the Minutes from **November 19, 2024**, and there were none. It was noted that there was no meeting of the Conservation Commission in December 2024.

**MOTION #2:** Chair Currie-Huggard made the motion, seconded by Fabrizo, to approve the **November 19, 2024**, meeting minutes as written.

**Voice Vote:** Three were in favor, none opposed, one abstained. The minutes were approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Building Permit Proposal for Agricultural Property (Map 207, Lot 83 and surrounding lots, including Map 208, Lots 120, 121, and 22)**

Clerk Bligh introduced the Conceptual Review of Walt Gladstone’s building permit proposal to create an animal waste lagoon on the agricultural property (Map 207, Lot 83, and surrounding lots), which he owns, near Bedell Bridge Historic Park. This meadow is under District 3 area of Haverhill Corner. The agricultural waste storage proposal will require a building permit directed to the Town of Haverhill and followed up by approval from Haverhill Corner District. The Conservation Commission needs to prepare a report for the Planning Board and Select Board related to the Commission’s consensus decision about the project.

**Discussion:**

- Chair Currie-Huggard noted that the grant proposal from NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service, an agency of the USDA) for a manure lagoon has detailed instructions and requirements. Gladstone is working directly with NRCS to receive grant money.
- Longacre noted that Gladstone has 2600 milking cows and numerous lagoons in Fairlee and Bradford, VT, and in NH.
- Clerk Bligh outlined the project at: 2M gallons of slurry, 1-acre lagoon, and 40 to 50 square foot lagoon area.
- Discussion points included as attachments to the building permit would be:
  - 100-year flood level needs to be identified because the meadow is adjacent to the Connecticut River.
  - NHDES alteration-of-terrain permit will probably be needed.
  - Wetlands Ordinance requirements should be identified.
  - Results of perc testing need to be seen.
  - Site plan will be needed.
  - Engineering drawing and cross section of structure will be required.
  - State engineering report will be needed.
  - Discussion of Meadow Lane access as a state roadway was considered.

*Clerk Bligh invited the members of the Conservation Commission to attend the Planning Board meeting on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, at 6:00 PM at JRM during which the Planning Board and invitees will discuss this proposed building permit.*

**Events for Haverhill Residents**

Clerk Bligh encouraged members to brainstorm events to create a 2025 schedule for the Conservation Commission.

- **Chair Currie-Huggard:**

- **On Sunday May 18, 2025, Paddle the Border** will be held from Woodsville Community Field to the Bedell Bridge State Park boat launch off Route 10, Haverhill, NH.
- **On Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 7:00 PM** Adair Mulligan of Orford, NH, will speak about her NH Humanities program on the Connecticut River. Chair Currie-Huggard noted that Mulligan has canoed the Connecticut River from the headwaters on the Fourth Connecticut Lake to Long Island Sound. Chair Currie-Huggard asked Clerk Bligh to reserve the JRM conference room for Thursday, May 22, 2025, for the event. Clerk Bligh suggested we combine the event with an abbreviated monthly meeting.
- **Fabrizio:**
  - **Story Walk**, in which the Conservation Commission will partner with the local libraries for a tour of nature through a book.
  - **Ecological guided tours.**
- **Clerk Bligh:**
  - An **NRCS** staff member will present to the Conservation Commission on any topic. Clerk Bligh suggested that the conservationist speak about the work of NRCS, then proceed with a Q&A about any agricultural topic.
  - Chair Currie-Huggard noted that the **Grafton County Conservation District (GCCD)** specializes in soils and other agricultural topics.
- **Longacre:**
  - **Pruning trees and bushes workshop**, but Longacre noted that he will have to come up with overgrown bushes and trees to make this work.
  - **Steve Taylor**, former Commissioner of Agriculture in NH, could be asked to give a presentation.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Natural Resource Inventory**

- Chair Currie-Huggard and Clerk Bligh will continue to populate the NRI.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

### **Grafton County Conservation District Newsletter**

- Clerk Bligh identified an item in their newsletter about the Jim Page Conservation Scholarship. Discussion continued. Chair Currie-Huggard asked Clerk Bligh to contact the GCCD for more information about their scholarship.

### **NH Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC) letter**

- Clerk Bligh provided the members with the letter from the NHACC for their review.

### **NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) letter**

- Clerk Bligh provided the members with a letter of “Alleged Violation” at 118 Lakeside Drive for their review.

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 6:00 PM at JRM**

**ADJOURN**

