

**Town of Haverhill
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

**J.R. Morrill Building
2nd Floor Conference Room
2975 Dartmouth College Highway
North Haverhill, NH**

Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 6:00 PM

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Conservation Commission members:

Katelyn Currie-Huggard, Chair
Linda Smith
Marilyn Blaisdell
Joe Mitchell
Fred Garofalo, ex officio

The meeting was **CALLED TO ORDER** at 6:09 PM by Chair Currie-Huggard.

Attendance: Marilyn Blaisdell (Here); Joe Mitchell (Here by ZOOM); Linda Smith (Here); Fred Garofalo, ex officio (Here); Katelyn Currie-Huggard, Chair (Here). A quorum was met.

In-Person Visitors: None.

Online Visitors: Brie Choate

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION #1: Blaisdell made the motion and Garofalo seconded the motion to approve the **Agenda** as written.

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

MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION #2: Blaisdell made the motion and Garofalo seconded the motion to approve the **March 15, 2022**, meeting minutes as written.

Voice Vote: All in favor, none opposed. The Minutes were approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Amphibian Road Crossing

Chair Currie-Huggard discussed that the crossing might have already happened on April 9, and therefore was not sure about mentioning it to the community at this point. She suggested checking iNaturalist's website to confirm the time has passed. Currie-Huggard also suggested that she might put together a calendar of ideas for events such as these for next year as a reference that she can share with other members of the Committee. The members also discussed the Audubon Volunteer Bird Watching Program. Currie-Huggard also reminded members the New Hampshire Humanities Organization still offers programs with a grant. The members discussed if they should receive the grant for a lecture or would it be preferable to have the lecture in person or via ZOOM.

Kinder Forest

Chair Currie-Huggard shared a map of the forest with other members. She mentioned that she visited the forest and noticed someone is maintaining the trails. The members discussed reaching out to the Kinder's to inquire if they would like assistance from the Commission or other volunteers to help maintain the trails. Blaisdell offered to reach out to the Kinder's.

Mission Statement / Website / Social Media

The members discussed whether the Conservation Commission should have their own website or use the Town of Haverhill's existing website via the tab on the page that already exists for the Commission and currently has room for more content. The members stated that the website would include the Commission's mission statement, the members, their logo, as well as links for their potential Facebook and Instagram pages, which they are working on getting approval for. Mitchell offered to look further into obtaining the permissions they need to go ahead with setting up their social media pages.

Paddle The Border

The members stated the event would be held on May 22, 2022, at the Woodsville Community Field and will go to Bedell Bridge, which is about 12 miles of paddling, Currie-Huggard added. The members discussed the event still needing some volunteers. If anyone would like to volunteer, please contact Chair Currie-Huggard who will be happy to add you to Mike Thomas' email list. Mitchell mentioned he planned to volunteer and would also likely participate. The members added that might be a good time to check in on the Boat Access progress.

Miscellaneous Discussion

- Chair Currie-Huggard brought up the discussion of Howard Island. The members discussed organizing an outing among themselves to scope out the area.
- Mitchell volunteered to look into what the Upper Valley Land Trust requirements are for canoeing a river potentially creating a Canoe Training Program for students. He will also look into scholarship details.

