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**MINUTES OF THE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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**MEETING OF
July 10, 2019**

11 A meeting of the Conservation Commission was held on July 10, 2019 at the Salem Town Hall,
12 33 Geremonty Drive, Salem, NH.

13 **PRESENT:** Ruth Isaks, Chairman; Linda Harvey, Vice-Chairman; Dave Blake, Secretary;
14 Arthur Barnes, Selectmen's Rep; Steve Boyd; Glen Edwards; Rhonda McCune;
15 Donald Marotte, Alternate; Crystal Napoli, Alternate; and Karri Makinen,
16 Community Development Coordinator.

17 The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Isaks
18 introduced the commission members and went over the agenda. She introduced Crystal Napoli
19 who is a new alternate member and gave her background.

20 **NEW BUSINESS**

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- 22 1. SALEM HIGH SCHOOL – Request to impact 1,500 sq. ft. of wetlands for athletic track
23 project, 20 & 44 Geremonty Drive, Map 91, Lots 7518 & 7528.

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25 Luke Hurley from Gove Environmental Services said that we are applying for 1,500 square feet
26 of wet meadow impacts for the expansion and upgrade of the existing high school track. The
27 need is to meet the current standards for safety. We delineated the wetland in March or April.
28 There is still some water there. A portion of this is mowed. He stood closest to the track where
29 the wetland edge is, and the flags are still there. Pat McGloughlin, from MHF Engineering, and
30 Mike Delahanty, Superintendent of Schools, are both here. Linda Harvey had asked about the
31 wetland to the northeast. It is a prime wetland. It doesn't have a 100 foot buffer applied to it. The
32 State prime wetland maps don't show it as having a 100 foot buffer. He then showed the wetland
33 on the plan.

34 Mrs. Harvey said there was a period of time that any prime wetlands designated in that period of
35 time had the State 100 foot buffer, before the RSAs were changed to remove that. But the town
36 does have a 100 foot buffer on all of our current wetlands. So there is a 100 foot buffer
37 stipulation, but it's local. Is this project within that 100 foot buffer?

38 Mr. Hurley said he doesn't know.

39 Mrs. Harvey said that is something to check out. If there is an impact, it needs to be marked on
40 the map. It could require a conditional use permit from the town. The school district doesn't have
41 to conform to the town's requirements.

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43 Mr. Blake mentioned the drainage issues we've had there.
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1 Patrick McGloughlin senior engineer with GPI, formerly MHF Design, said that this project will
2 have a disturbance area that is somewhat large. We reached out to DES alteration of terrain to
3 discuss what permitting is required. It falls under a general permit by rule. He explained that it is
4 not applicable here. So this is a replacement project for the safety and operation of the track. We
5 are looking at this as a replacement and upgrade of the track that's there. There is an increase in
6 impervious area, because it doesn't meet the athletic standards. So the improvements are trying
7 to manage the stormwater better than what is there. He explained where the drainage goes. So
8 there is infrastructure to make sure that the track and field stay dry and usable and in good
9 condition. It is his understanding that years ago, it was all dry. He spoke about the drainage of
10 this site.

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12 Chris Huntress, Landscape architect, Hunter Associates, said we worked on the new plans for the
13 track renovation. He explained the changes to the track. We made the field shorter and wider to
14 keep it out of the wetland. He explained the work that was done to the track to make it more
15 convenient for track events and to try and minimize the impact to the wetland. He explained that
16 we also did a couple minor things for drainage to extend the longevity of the track. He explained
17 the drainage of the track.

18 Mr. Blake asked, so, there will be minor changes to the drainage system, and it is adequate for
19 the drainage?

20 Mr. Huntress said that's correct.

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22 Mr. Boyd asked, is there anything else we could do to make sure that we protect the top part
23 from the wetland?

24 Mr. Huntress thinks we did everything we can do. We have to try to keep water out of that track,
25 and he explained that the way to do that is to intercept it.

26 Mrs. Harvey asked, where is the water going that you are catching in the drains?

27 Mr. Huntress explained that it goes through an existing pipe system that runs southwest, and
28 where it ends up. He explained on the plan where the drainage goes.

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30 Mrs. Harvey said that the school district should do something about that pathway to elevate it,
31 and get it out of the wetland, to keep water from going from where the major wetland is, over the
32 top of the path and into the field area. That is what is happening now.

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34 Mike Delahanty, Superintendent of Schools, said the water has been worse the last three or four
35 years than in past years. If it is something we can address that's not overly costly, we'll do that.

36 Mrs. Harvey thinks the problem is with water going to where the newer track will be. It is
37 flowing from the other wetland.

38 Mr. Delahanty said the standing water has been a problem because of the pervious nature of the
39 soil. We are trying to mitigate it and he thinks we have a good design to eliminate the problems
40 with the track and field. That will be addressed also. He mentioned the trench drain design that
41 will address that.

42 Mrs. Harvey thinks the other issue she mentioned should be addressed. She suggested that you
43 work with the town. It could be that the culvert is blocked.

44 Ms. Makinen said that we looked at it, and the culvert may be a little blocked.

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1 Mrs. Harvey suggested that you get the path out of the wetland.

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3 Manuelas Clark, abutter, said there is a large culvert that goes through the wetland across the
4 fields and into the drainage on the other side of the fields. If you mess with those wetlands, you
5 will mess with everything else that is underground. He is against touching anything in the
6 wetlands. You will mess it up. We had animals coming across the fields and his yard. We're
7 encroaching on them. He doesn't see any reason for expanding that field. The water running out
8 there now is well controlled. Why do we have to have that filled in? The school has been there
9 for years with that field as it is. He thinks you should use the football practice field. Leave the
10 wetlands alone. There is no need to touch them. He doesn't want to see it touched.

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12 Mr. Boyd said, they are not filling in anything.

13 Mr. Blake asked, the reason it is being expanded is a State regulation?

14 Mr. Huntress said, if we rebuilt it in the present form it was in, we would have to be wider and
15 longer than we are now and it would be more impact. By shortening and widening away from the
16 wetland, it still meets the criteria. This layout is less impactful to the wetland and helps with the
17 drainage.

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19 **MOTION by Mr. Boyd to recommend approval.**

20 **SECOND by Mr. Edwards.**

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22 **VOTE ON MOTION: 5 – 1 – 1 (Mr. Blake was opposed. Chairman Isaks abstained.)**

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24 2. HOLT – Request to install a 4' x 20' seasonal dock at 203 Shore Drive, Map 28, Lot 5064.

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26 Chairman Isaks said she believes that to date, there is no accepted or approved permit.

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28 Ms. Makinen said, they submitted an application to DES but it was returned because it is not
29 complete. She explained what is missing. She ran a data check and nothing was found in the
30 area. It is just a paperwork issue that they are working on resolving. She doesn't believe it affects
31 your decision tonight.

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33 Chairman Isaks asked if the commission wants to proceed.

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35 The consensus of the commission is to proceed with this request.

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37 John Holt, 203 Shore Drive, explained that we need 20 feet on each side. Anything less than 75
38 feet, the maximum dock size is 4 feet by 20 feet. This will be a seasonal dock for recreational use
39 and a small boat. We are trying to do this the right way. There is an anchor to the sea wall
40 showing evidence of a prior dock, but we couldn't find any application or approval for it. We are
41 working with the State and the commission to do it the right way.

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43 Chairman Isaks asked for public input. There was none.

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1 Mr. Boyd said it is a good setup.

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3 **MOTION by Mrs. Harvey to recommend approval of this permit application.**

4 **SECOND by Mr. Blake.**

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6 **VOTE ON MOTION: 7 - 0**

7 **UNANIMOUS**

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9 **OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS**

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11 1. Review of Minutes

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13 Minutes of the June 5, 2019 Conservation Commission meeting

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15 Mr. Boyd made the following correction:

16 Page 5, line 7, it should be Boyd, not Boys.

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18 **MOTION by Mr. Edwards to approve the amended minutes of the June 5, 2019**

19 **Conservation Commission meeting.**

20 **SECOND by Ms. McCune.**

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22 **VOTE ON MOTION: 7 - 0**

23 **UNANIMOUS**

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25 Minutes of the July 6th Conservation Commission site walk

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27 Mrs. Harvey said Mr. Boyd did a good job on the minutes.

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29 **MOTION by Mrs. Harvey to accept the minutes of the July 6th site walk.**

30 **SECOND by Mr. Edwards.**

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32 **VOTE ON MOTION: 7 - 0**

33 **UNANIMOUS**

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35 2. Conservation Fund Report

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37 Mrs. Harvey said that for the month of May we have income from interest of \$226.41. There
38 were no payments or deposits. The total of the two bank accounts is \$868,342.91. She is hoping
39 in June that the current use money will be there

40 Ms. Makinen said we are waiting on \$140,000 of current use money. The forms were in your
41 packet last month but the money is not in the account yet.

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43 Chairman Isaks mentioned the management of funds. There has been some discussion that we
44 have a considerable amount of money in our account for buying land and there is a possibility

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1 that we should consider if we want to invest some of the funds. If we invested half of it, about
2 \$500,000, like in treasury bills, which we can get short term, we could get a 2% return, which is
3 \$10,000. We want to keep a certain amount of funds in the banks. We don't know when we need
4 the money, but there is a possibility of investing at least half.

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6 Mrs. Harvey asked about the rates for Citizens and Salem Coop.

7 Ms. Makinen said, for Citizens its .15 and Salem Coop is .75.

8 Mrs. Harvey said we are limited at Salem Coop to \$200,000 because of insurance. The town
9 treasurer is managing this. Did he suggest this?

10 Ms. Makinen said yes. She went to him and asked and he recommended treasury bills because
11 they are flexible and can be as short as 60 day terms and it is totally secure.

12 Mrs. Harvey asked, is 60 days the 2 %?

13 Ms. Makinen said, he didn't give her that information. He said in a general sense they can range
14 in as little as 60 days and they all are around 2%. The rate would probably be higher if we did a
15 longer term. They didn't seem to be significantly higher than 2%.

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17 Chairman Isaks asked, are you interested in investing some funds?

18 Mr. Boyd said he would be interested because there is at least 10-15 years in between each time
19 we buy land. So he would recommend this.

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21 Mr. Blake asked what is the longest term?

22 Ms. Makinen said she doesn't know. The treasurer suggested that she get basic feedback to see if
23 the commission is interested, and then he'd go to the bank and get details.

24 Ms. McCune asked, would the rates be conditional on the Feds?

25 Ms. Makinen said that they change regularly.

26 Mr. Blake asked, what else do we use money for besides land purchase

27 Chairman Isaks said, the town forest.

28 Mr. Blake said, we can spare that money, so it makes sense.

29 Mrs. Harvey said that most of our expenditures besides land acquisition is relatively small
30 dollars. It is usually minor compared with the amount we have. She mentioned the quotes for
31 gates and signs. Generally town forest expenditures, the big things will be for trail work. The
32 town forest is really the main thing we spend money on. She estimated that it is probably about
33 \$10,000 a year. She mentioned that we do have a harvest that we need to do this year.

34 Mr. Blake asked, is it allowable to take that money? Can we donate the money to a project?

35 Mrs. Harvey said no. It is governed by State statutes and town meeting. She explained that town
36 meeting voted that land use change tax would go into the conservation fund and we are limited to
37 using it for management, maintenance, and acquisition of conservation land. There is potential
38 for additional acquisition within the town.

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40 Chairman Isaks said, we can table this and look at what our options are.

41 Ms. Makinen asked, do you want to agree to a rough amount to invest? So we can come back
42 with real numbers next time?

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1 Chairman Isaks said, we'd want to know what the terms would be. Is 2% the maximum or
2 minimum that we could invest? What are our options for investing?

3 Mrs. Harvey suggested we go with \$500,000.
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5 The commission agreed.
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7 Ms. Makinen said that next time she will have projections of options for \$500,000.

8 Mrs. Harvey suggested \$500,000 to \$700,000. Did he say we should combine the two accounts?

9 Ms. Makinen said no.

10 Mrs. Harvey said that the bank has to be chartered in New Hampshire. So we don't have a lot of
11 options in banks. She explained the difference in accounts.

12 Chairman Isaks suggested that we keep investigating this.
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14 3. Town Forest 15

16 Mr. Edwards said that we should look at if we want to install, and where to get the gate, for the
17 Hummingbird Bird Lane detention area. He had a bid in but it was only good for 10 days.

18 Ms. Makinen said she tried to get an updated bid, but the people were on vacation. But the
19 person she spoke with said they didn't anticipate that the prices would go up significantly.

20 Mr. Edwards said we should decide if we want a heavy duty gate versus a lighter gate. Will the
21 less expensive one be durable? Or should we get prices from someone else? This was
22 recommended by the DPW Director to go through Fences Unlimited. Mr. Edwards said he would
23 like to hear the commission's thoughts. The forester said we should have a gate in the town
24 forest management plan. Does the commission agree with that, and if so, which one?
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26 Don Marotte, alternate, wanted to make the commission aware that the Fences Unlimited quote
27 has a couple of discrepancies between the written quote and its blueprint. He explained the
28 differences. The 4000 psi is a much better grade concrete. Also, the hinged post and locking post
29 will be 4 inches on the written quote. But on the map, it shows locking is 2 ½ inches, would
30 could be significant. If something falls on it, the 4 inch would be better than the 2 ½.

31 Mr. Edwards said those are important things to look at. We need a sturdy gate if we have one. He
32 would like to get that clarified on the updated bid from Fences Unlimited.

33 Chairman Isaks said, we need a substantial gate out there.
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35 Mr. Blake thinks we should have another quote for comparison.

36 Mrs. Harvey asked, how does this compare with gates on other places, like the parking area?

37 Mr. Edwards said, that one seems heavy duty.

38 Mr. Boyd thinks this should be a town wide thing. We should put it into the town budget.

39 Chairman Isaks said, then we'd have to submit this to the Budget Committee.

40 Mr. Boyd said, probably the Town Manager, and DPW. It would be maintained by the DPW.
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42 Chairman Isaks asked, should we get it corrected as well as get another evaluation?

43 Mrs. Harvey said we need to protect the access into the detention area.

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1 Mr. Edwards said, Mr. Boyd makes a good point, but it is in the town forest management report
2 that we put the gate in, and how long will it take to go through the other process and what if
3 something happens in between? Is there a timeline we should look at?

4 Mr. Boyd agrees that there is a timeline. We may also want a fence.
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6 Ms. McCune asked, are you concerned with not just the cost but also maintenance?

7 Mr. Boyd said that's correct. He explained that we won't control this area, the town DPW will.

8 Chairman Isaks said we will look for two corrected quotes and another quote.

9 Ms. Makinen asked, does anyone know of other gate companies? The DPW Director said that
10 Fences Unlimited is the main one. She doesn't know where to get another quote. If anyone
11 knows of any, she will try to get another one.
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13 Chairman Isaks mentioned the sign.

14 Mr. Edwards thinks if we put up a sign, we need two. On the cleanup day, there was a car
15 parked in front of the emergency access. There is no sign on the emergency access gate that we
16 have now saying, "no parking". He thinks a sign is definitely needed and we should also put a
17 sign on the other one. He would recommend approval of this.

18 Chairman Isaks asked, how will this be attached to the gate?

19 Ms. Makinen said that DPW agreed to install it.

20 Mrs. Harvey said that Bill Dumont said attaching it to the gate wouldn't work and there should
21 be a post on the side saying no access. There were emails regarding that.

22 Ms. Makinen said she will speak with the DPW Director and Bill Dumont.

23 Mrs. Harvey agrees with the sign.

24 Chairman Isaks thinks it should be on the gate.

25 Mrs. Harvey said there is an impact on how the gate opens.

26 Chairman Isaks would prefer it be on the gate. We have a cost for one sign, and we need two
27 signs. It is approximately \$156 for two signs. She also asked about hardware for the signs.

28 Ms. Makinen said that the town will take care of that.
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30 **MOTION by Mr. Blake to buy the 2 signs for the gates.**

31 **SECOND by Mr. Boyd.**
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33 **VOTE ON MOTION: 7-0**

34 **UNANIMOUS**
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36 Chairman Isaks said that the other item is the graffiti issue. Ms. Makinen spoke with the courts
37 about this being a project for someone.

38 Ms. Makinen said she spoke with the court, but they no longer assign people to specific
39 organizations for community service hours. She also reached out to Beverly Glynn, who has had
40 success bringing inmates from Rockingham County to do projects. She already has projects lined
41 up. There may be a possibility but it is not very likely. She also spoke with some high school
42 students involved in Key Club and they are eager to help. She will try to organize something if
43 the commission comes up with a plan to remove it.
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1 Mr. Edwards said that Don Marotte went out with a brush and that did a good job. Mr. Edwards
2 said he has 3-4 wire brushes.

3 Chairman Isaks explained her only concern about brushes. They are usually used on smooth
4 surfaces. But these surfaces are different. We may need a solvent.

5 Mr. Marotte believes that a solvent would be the easier way to go. A wire brush works but it
6 takes history off of the rock. Also, what happened to the spray cans? They are probably in the
7 water.

8 Chairman Isaks said, we can keep track of that area if the water goes down. It could be a
9 combination of biodegradable solvents and a brush.

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11 Ms. McCune would advocate for the Key Club. This is kids volunteering to do service. Is there
12 anything preventative that we can do?

13 Ms. Makinen said, she brought this to the Salem Police Department and they went out and took a
14 report. They are running patrols and watching the parking lot areas for groups of cars to identify
15 if it is becoming a party location and they put up a camera. They are closely monitoring the area
16 to make sure it doesn't happen again.

17 Mr. Boyd said, we should involve students who want to get involved. And he suggested they do
18 a video and we could test the solvents and people would know if they work.

19 Chairman Isaks said we have to make sure the solvents are water safe and biodegradable.

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21 Ms. Makinen asked, how soon do we want to schedule it? Does the commission want to
22 authorize spending to purchase the solvents or brushes before the next meeting, or should we
23 wait until the next one?

24 Chairman Isaks suggested that, we should know how to do it. She doesn't know anyone who has
25 used it, she just heard about it. We should know how to do it before we get a crew out there.

26 Ms. Makinen thinks we need to purchase a solvent and try it.

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28 **MOTION by Mr. Boyd to authorize up to \$500 for materials to remove the graffiti.**

29 **SECOND by Mr. Blake.**

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31 **VOTE ON MOTION: 7 - 0**

32 **UNANIMOUS**

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34 Mr. Edwards mentioned the timber harvest. He sent an email to our town forester in late June.

35 Mr. Edwards read from the town forester's email regarding getting someone to do the harvest.

36 Mr. Edwards hasn't heard anything else. He will try to find out more before August.

37 Mrs. Harvey asked, have the trees that are being removed been marked?

38 Mr. Edwards said they are marked with blue paint.

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40 4. Conservation Commission Goals

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42 Chairman Isaks mentioned the review of quality of Geremonty Drive wetlands. The wetlands
43 were part of a statewide study on wetland assessment. Samples were taken from the area, and
44 also from Worlds End Pond. This was done in 2015. She just received the report. The project

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1 was led by Sandy Crystal from the Watershed Management Bureau. Chairman Isaks said that she
2 doesn't have anything to report yet because she just got the report and it is about 300 pages. Also
3 all of the data for all of New Hampshire is embedded in this report. So she needs to go through
4 and pull out information for Salem and Worlds End Pond. She will do that for the August
5 meeting. She discussed the report. The wetlands haven't improved since 4 years ago but they
6 seem to be fairly steady.

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8 Mrs. Harvey mentioned the open space master plan. She is going through the actual document. It
9 is a large document. It was originally done by the Rockingham Planning Commission. It was part
10 of the I-93 widening project. She suggested that we ask the Rockingham Planning Commission
11 to update the plan and we can give them information. It is almost 10 years old and is due for an
12 update. We could get a quote and see if we can get a grant and have them do the update, if the
13 commission agrees.

14 Mr. Boyd agreed. At least now we have an updated GIS map. They would probably like to have
15 the new information.

16 Ms. Makinen said that she made initial contact with the Rockingham Planning Commission.
17 They said that they would be happy to help, but she doesn't have a quote or any other
18 information.

19 Mrs. Harvey mentioned that the town has rejoined the Rockingham Planning Commission.

20 Ms. Makinen said they have. They charge for certain things. This may be something that we'd
21 need a contract for.

22 Mrs. Harvey said that is something that we could use the conservation fund for.

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24 Mrs. Harvey asked, have we been in contact with Chris Kane?

25 Ms. Makinen said that she can request an update from him.

26 Mrs. Harvey said he is our easement monitoring consultant. We had a discussion in April and at
27 that time he said he still owed us stuff from the last contract. We need to ask him. She explained
28 the work that he did. We need to get the last contract finished. She thinks he had two left. Then
29 after that, we need to decide if we want to continue to have him as the monitoring consultant, and
30 do the follow up monitoring. And then we need to take action.

31 Chairman Isaks asked, why do we no longer have someone doing them?

32 Mrs. Harvey said, we haven't pushed him to finish. We need to get back. We pay him when he
33 does the finished product.

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35 Chairman Isaks mentioned the monarch butterfly project.

36 Mrs. Harvey said there were 6 plants planted. She is not sure if they have flowers.

37 Ms. McCune said that hers have flowers, but she hasn't noticed butterflies.

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39 Mr. Boyd said, regarding the easement monitoring and the dumping, we now have Board of
40 Selectmen Chairman Keller on board, and he has seen it, so we will probably start more with the
41 town.

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43 Chairman Isaks mentioned wildlife conservation. She spoke with Dave, and the loons are back.

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1 Mr. Blake discussed the loons at Canobie Lake and Arlington Pond. There is a nest on Arlington
2 Pond. He also mentioned that the Eagles have babies.

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4 Chairman Isaks spoke about the jigs and sinkers program. The State has a buyback program. In
5 various towns you can get a certificate. The closest one is in Raymond. She suggested getting
6 this program started in Salem. We could ask Dicks Sporting Goods, or another fish and tackle
7 store. She suggested doing this at Salemfest.

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9 There was discussion of this suggestion.

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11 5. Rules of Procedure

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13 Chairman Isaks said we were going to have an open meeting to discuss these, but there were
14 suggestions that we hold off until we had further discussion.

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16 Mrs. Harvey said there are a few things that need to be changed or clarified. And we have a
17 couple of new alternates that could look at the rules of procedure. So she is hoping to get our two
18 new alternates involved with this project. And we can have a discussion next month with a
19 public hearing after the changes. There is nothing specific at this point.

20 Mr. Barnes mentioned page 2, section 3.2, he suggested it be reworded to say “notwithstanding
21 the provisions of RSA 37:6, the Town Manager shall.” He suggested this change because the
22 commission has no authority to direct the Town Manager to do anything. He explained that it
23 could become a conflict of interest.

24 Mrs. Harvey said that the same phrase is used in both the Planning Board and ZBA bylaws. She
25 asked that the alternates be given a chance to make their review and comments at the next
26 meeting.

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28 6. Review of Correspondence

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30 Chairman Isaks mentioned the initiative for the New Hampshire Bioblitz program.

31 Mr. Edwards said that the group for the NH Bioblitz Program was awarding two town staff to
32 document flora and fauna in their town forest. He thought this would be valuable for us, but
33 Salem was not chosen.

34 Chairman Isaks is this a yearly program?

35 Mr. Edwards said he doesn't know. He was sent this information from Mrs. Harvey.

36 Mrs. Harvey said this was the first time that she had heard of this project.

37 Chairman Isaks thanked Mr. Edwards. Next is something from the State concerning the town's
38 mitigation list for NHDOT to consider when they put lines through Salem. The question is, do
39 we have a preferred priority mitigation list?

40 Ms. Makinen showed the list that was created in 2016.

41 Mrs. Harvey explained that this was put together when the mitigation program at DES was
42 originally changed to allow towns to have mitigation. This was a list we created then. Some of
43 this has changed. You can disregard the part about the town forest because it has already been
44 covered. Regarding the land along Spicket River, there is at least one parcel that if we had a

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1 willing seller at a reasonable price, it would be a good acquisition. But this person is not willing
2 to sell it at a reasonable price. She discussed the other places on the list, like property along
3 Worlds End Pond. The South Policy Street farmland is the highest priority on the list. We can
4 add invasive species in the town forest to that list. The letter was addressed to her. They will be
5 redoing the road that crosses the Spicket River. She discussed this area and the culvert. The town
6 DPW would have more knowledge of that.

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8 Chairman Isaks asked, will an updated list be sent?

9 Ms. Makinen said we can send it. She will work with Mrs. Harvey to make sure it is updated.

10 Mrs. Harvey said part of what is in the letter is problematic culverts and that is DPW.

11 Ms. Makinen said that she reached out to the Engineering Director to see if there were culverts
12 that need work but he hasn't had a chance to review it yet.

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14 Manuelas Clark mentioned the wetlands off Main Street, where the old post office was, there is a
15 culvert that goes under that road under Rite Aid. The problem has never been taken care of since
16 a few years ago when they talked about doing something. The Rite Aid building was built on the
17 culvert. How much would it cost to take the building down to fix the problem? He explained
18 where the runoff goes.

19 Mrs. Harvey said it is a problem area.

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21 There was a discussion of this area.

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23 Chairman Isaks said the next item is regarding pollinator conservation and is for information.
24 There is also a map for the area for the Geremonty wetlands near Salem Haven and this building.
25 The Herons have left. What happened is, the culvert between here and Salem Haven was blocked
26 and needed to be unblocked for flooding reasons. As a result of that, the water went down and
27 the area in the swamp ended up not having water where the trees are that the Herons have their
28 nest. We think they left because the trees were exposed to invaders. She heard from many people
29 asking her what happened, so there are a lot of birdwatchers in the area. The other item is on the
30 drums at Hummingbird Lane. The EPA has finished sampling them and classifying the materials
31 in it. The results from EPA give an entirely different result than we got from DES. All of the
32 contents in the drums, they have listed as non-hazardous. She can send it to you. She explained
33 what is in the drums. We will be told shortly when they'll be moved. There will be no charge to
34 us. It is a chemical way stream of various materials. It could help trace where the material is
35 from, but hopefully they will be removed shortly.

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37 Ms. Makinen said that she and Mr. Moldoff had nominated Linda Harvey for the James Hayden
38 award through the Rockingham Regional Planning Commission. She was selected but was
39 unable to go to the ceremony. Ms. Makinen had gone to the ceremony and accepted the award on
40 Linda's behalf. Ms. Makinen read from the award and presented it to Linda. Ms. Makinen said
41 that she also received information for the New Hampshire Invasives Academy which is
42 September 26th and 27th in Enfield, NH. She has copies of the flyer. She explained what this
43 program is. The last item she has, is with the town forest expansion project. We worked with
44 Southeast Land Trust on that project and they hold an easement over the town forest. They will

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1 be doing their annual monitoring walk of the town forest next week. Mr. Edwards and Ms.
2 Makinen will attend. Anyone else who wants to join is welcome. It will be on July 18th at 8:30
3 am. She will email that information.
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5 **MOTION by Mrs. Harvey to go into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-**
6 **A:3-II(d) - Land acquisition**
7 **SECOND by Mr. Edwards.**
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9 **Steve Boyd - yes**
10 **Arthur Barnes - yes**
11 **Glen Edwards - yes**
12 **Ruth Isaks - yes**
13 **Rhonda McCune - yes**
14 **Dave Blake - yes**
15 **Linda Harvey - yes**
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17 **VOTE ON MOTION: 7 – 0**
18 **UNANIMOUS**
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20 The commission went into non-public session at 9:05 p.m.
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22 Chairman Isaks said we will immediately adjourn after the non-public session is over.
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24 Minutes by: Susan Strugnell, Conservation Commission Recording Secretary

25 Approved: Conservation Commission

26 Date: