Whitefield Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes June 14, 2023 Page 1 of 2

Chairman Frank Lombardi called the meeting to order at 4:39 p.m.

<u>Members Present</u>: Chairman Frank Lombardi, Vice Chair Donald LaPlante, Marsha Lombardi, Marcia Hammon, Lisa Courcy, David Chase and Secretary Tina Wright

Members Absent: Edith Worcester

Public Present: NONE

<u>Minutes:</u> A motion was made by David Chase to accept the minutes as is from the March 9, 2023 meeting. Seconded by Donald LaPlante. No further discussion, all in favor, motion carries.

New Business:

Frank had something brought to his attention about ponds. If it is less than 2 acres, no permits are needed. Don wondered how that might impact vernal pools. He asked how do you distinguish between a pond and a vernal pool. He said his understanding was you cannot mess with vernal pools. Frank mentioned vernal pools are only part of the year and they temporarily create critical habitat.

An email came through discussing upcoming law changes. One coming up is that the Conservation Commission must get permission from the landowner to go onto property.

Frank- Dave Scalley will be putting in four apartment buildings out behind the Weeks Medical building and Town Hall.

The Commission talked about the walking trail down behind the town office. Still need to reach out to the State of NH about the railroad tracks. Discussion about moving forward was had. Don said he will reach out to Patrick Herlihy again and get things moving forward.

Marcia Hammon asked about the huge gravel pile on Brown Street. Frank Lombardi told her it's all going back to the lagoon to fill it in.

Frank brought 14 students to the Sustainability Summit. They had a great time. Marcia Hammon made a poster, and Frank thanked her. Marcia thought Wendy Thomas was outstanding.

Not many schools would go or did go.

Upcoming Road Stream Crossing Infrastructure Workshops will be happening late October early November. David asked if they are just looking for more areas of discussion. Frank said yes. The CC came up with a few areas; the culvert on Hazen Road, Route 3 crossing by the High School (culvert), the rock dam at the Johns River, and the Burns Lake Dam by Joe Hoffmann.

Don let the board know that his daughter has offered her time with forestry projects that we might have.

Correspondence:

778 Littleton Road Renewing his metal recycling yard. Received paperwork from NHDES on his renewal.

Next meeting will be Wednesday August 9, 2023 at 4:30 p.m., at the Whitefield Town Hall.

A motion to adjourn was made by Don LaPlante at 5:40 p.m. seconded by Marcia Hammon.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Tina Wright-Secretary

Frank Lombardi-Chairman