

NCC Minutes 5/20/24

Open meeting 7:05 p.m.

Present: C. Griffith, J. Couture, F. Hayden, J. Lent, D. Mason, A. Watts, L. Hill
Sel. M. Kaspar and H. Harmon

1) Administrative Business:

- a) Minutes: 4/15/24 – C. Griffith motions to accept, F. Hayden seconds, all in favor YES.
5/3/24- C. Griffith motions to accept, F. Hayden seconds, all in favor YES.
- b) Treasurer's report- J. Couture motions to accept, F. Hayden seconds, all in favor YES.

2) New Business:

- a) Election of officers- Should be done yearly
 - Chairman- C. Griffith agrees to continue as chair, F. Hayden motions to accept, J. Couture seconds, all in favor YES.
 - Vice chairman- J. Couture would like to continue, D. Mason motions to accept, C. Griffith seconds, all in favor YES.
 - Treasurer- D. Mason agrees to continue as treasurer, F. Hayden motions to accept, J. Couture seconds, all in favor YES.
 - Secretary- L. Hill declines continuing. A. Watts volunteered as long as J. Lent is willing to fill in when she has to recuse herself. C. Griffith motions to accept, F. Hayden seconds, all in favor YES.
- b) Bylaws- J. Lent stated that we need to become familiar with RSA 36-A, Roberts Rules and our bylaws. F. Hayden suggested we all review them individually and discuss at next meeting. Also any new members need to be informed. He also mentioned looking at NHACC for training sessions.
- c) Girard letter- A. Watts and J. Couture recused themselves
 - C. Griffith- we received the letter and reviewed it. The Girard's were invited to attend tonight but were unable.
 - M. Kaspar stated that they contacted him and asked to come to the property to review the issues. He agreed to meet with them but made it clear he would only listen as the matter is in the courts.
 - F. Hayden suggested the letter be filed given the Right-to-Know request we received.
 - C.Griffith stated that we need a third party to monitor the property. We also received a Right-to-know request from their attorney asking us to submit any emails between the NCC and SELT in the last 3 months. Everyone agrees that there were none.
 - A. Watts stated that as a member of the SELT board, she will need to consult an attorney as to what is allowed.
 - J. Couture suggested we consult the town counsel. C. Griffith asked whether we need to ask permission from the selectmen to do so. M. Kaspar suggested we talk to S. McKinnon.
 - C. Griffith asked whether we should invite the Girards to our next meeting. F. Hayden stated yes but only to discuss monitoring the easement not the issue with SELT.
 - J. Couture reiterated that we need to find a third party. F. Hayden stated that will be hard to find someone not connected to SELT in some way.

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d) 29 Runaway Rd.- Received a letter from wetlands specialist Cuomo that they will be building a fence between them and their neighbors. It will have a minimal wetland impact. H. Harmon said that there were also violations at 25 but they are applying for a waiver. A. Watts asked how we make letters available to the public (i.e. the letter she sent about the beavers). C. Griffith replied that they need to be put in the Google drive.

e) 2023 Monitoring reports:

- C. Griffith stated that Cole farm is the only report we have received. He contacted S. Callahan but has not heard back. He will call her as we need them for June. Will soon need to hire for next year.

3) Old Business:

a) Beaver impacts:

- D. Mason stated that the lodge and dams are gone and they are in the process of putting down gravel.

- F. Hayden asked about the Beaver deceiver and H. Harmon replied that they are having it installed. C. Roosevelt is licensed to trap which he has been doing.

- A. Watts stated that M. Weeks contacted her concerning possible nesting turtle impacts. She referred him to Josh Megyesy the wildlife biologist.

- H. Harmon reiterated that the trail bureau has the responsibility to maintain the rail trail. It is actually still owned by the railroad so it needs to be maintained to standard as they could decide to use it again.

b) Conn. Comm. emails

- F. Hayden presented this to the selectboard. There is a monthly fee of \$5/month/email so it would need to be put in the budget. All agreed that they would like this done as it does provide personal protection. The existing address will belong to the chair. F. Hayden will attend the next selectboard meeting to request.

4) Mail

- Great Bay Matters newsletter

- SELT- annual meeting is 6/8/24

- NHACC dues- F. Hayden will look into joining

Adjourn 8:09 p.m.

NCC member L. Hill, 5/20/24