

**Chichester Conservation Commission Monthly Meeting
Minutes of Zoom Meeting May 11, 2020**

Voting Members: Zack Boyajian, Dawn Marshall, Blaze Konefal, Bob Mann

Voting Alternates: Jim Eggers, Charles Kojigian (via telephone), Gail Britton-Kojigian (via telephone)

Guests: Christian Beauregard, Dan Humphrey

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Bob read the declaration of the state emergency meeting protocol during the Covid-19 Quarantine. Due to technical Zoom difficulties, connection thereafter was sporadic for Bob, Gail, and Charles.

Spaulding parking: Christian Beauregard, Hutchinson Road abutter, explained his family's concerns about having a parking area on the adjacent lot. He is concerned about the parking area from the perspective of it looking good and fitting in with the neighborhood. He is also concerned about potential for people up to no good. We talked about signage, and police presence could be helpful. He has been working on cleaning up his property and is willing to help with the project. He wishes to remain involved. He expressed concern about overgrown skidder trails on the Spaulding lot. Zach explained the long-term goal to have a footpath network and maybe an observation tower some day. The CC thanked Mr. Beauregard and reassured him that we would continue to include him and his family in the project. The next step will be to have a talk with the Wetlands Bureau about the parking and footpath proposal as shown on the plan. Kirstin Duclos has agreed to a remote meeting to talk about the wetlands encroachments and the type of permit application required under the recently adopted wetlands rules. Please let Bob know if anyone would like to attend this remote meeting. She is a good source of practical information. We also need to talk to the Planning Board.

Humphrey easement: Dan Humphrey seems all right with calling the easement 'Valley View Conservation Area' in keeping with the farm's historic use as a guest house (1890-1930s). He also is all right with a purchase and sales agreement which allows the town time to apply for grant funds. Dan said he is expecting to close on the house by the end of the month. Once that happens he will be less concerned and willing to wait for any grant funding that might be possible. Bob stated that any grant programs which required excessive time to follow through with the easement purchase would not be pursued. Bob obtained fee estimates from three law firms, with Attorney Mark Dunn of Concord being the lowest. Atty. Dunn has done similar work for other towns, including Hooksett, and has done work for Five Rivers. In response to Jim's question, he is being hired to work on P&S agreement, easement deed, and other legal documents leading to purchase and recording of this easement only. Attendees were in agreement with hiring him. Summary and dates of possible grant funds:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Pre-app</u>	<u>App Due</u>	<u>Award</u>	<u>Possible \$</u>
LCHIP	05/15/20	06/26/20		Half
DES - DWGW Trust	06/26/20	09/10/20	Dec TBA	
NHDOA - Moose Plate Grant	NA	Sep TBA		
Merrimack Cons Partnership	TBA	TBA		Transaction costs
L&WCF	05/22/20			
NRCS	06/30/20			

NRI Update: There was a discussion of draft 2 of the NRI maps from Moosewood. Zack noticed a number of issues with the Conservation lands Map. He also commented on the reorientation of the Map, that it was better and the portion of the map with Chichester was bigger. He made some suggestions to continue to enlarge the figure and minimize white empty space, including reducing the buffer from 1 mile to 3/4 and putting all the information block to the right side. He will write up his comments and send them out for CCC review. Let him know if you want to look at a hard copy. Bob added that clarity and fact checking were needed on the plate on Conservation and Town-owned Lands. Also, on the Ag and Forest resources plate, it would be good to have a definition for prime, local importance, and statewide importance lands to understand these terms better.

Meeting adjourned 8:10

Minutes by R. Mann

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