

**Peterborough Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes  
November 16, 2017, Peterborough Town House, 7 p.m.**

Present: Swift Corwin, John Kerrick, Matt Lundsted, John Patterson, Francie Von Mertens, Robert Wood

October's meeting minutes were approved along with invoices for Eastview Environmental monitoring six easements, and Steve Black mowing Walcott Field.

**Easement loose ends**

Von Mertens will write cover letter for Ridgewood Heights easement; Corwin will do the same for Fellows easement.

**Easements remaining:**

Daloz, Dubois / Patterson

Harris Center, Fremont Field, Land/Kania / Von Mertens

Pearson/Laroche / Wood

Simonds/Wollett, Wardwell/Cheney, D'Addamio/Bower / Dumas

Wood / Kaiser (in process)

**Water Resources**

1. Robert Wood recommended the ConCom fill the vacuum created by dissolution of the Water Resources Advisory Committee, given that water resources are a primary natural resource and therefore under logical ConCom purview. And given that just one well was operating during last summer's drought.

Continuing discussion centered on encouraging water conservation through the town's metering system, and concern that it does not incentivize water conservation.

Continuing discussion also on the commercial operation removing 2,000,000 gallons a month this summer, representing about almost 20% of the town's monthly water use.

Wood made the following motion, seconded by Von Mertens:

***Move that the Conservation Commission pursue taking over the former Water Resources Advisory Committee role, with Robert Wood presenting that concept for Select Board approval.***

The motion passed unanimously.

2. Jo Anne Carr recommended the ConCom explore purchase by the town of a lot for sale on Hunt Road with a NHDES Source Water Protection grant, given its location in the town's Wellhead Protection Area. She will pursue that with Town Administrator Rodney Bartlett.

**Again the gravel pit**

Matt Lundsted presented a plotting of slope for the Rte 202S gravel pit that suggests a 20% slope could encroach farther into the easement property. Carr will pursue the matter with Pete Throop and Dario Carrera as well as the State DRA to check for any recent extraction. Von Mertens will send her the prior files.

**Other**

**Wheeler Trail bridge**

The bridge to nowhere at the Wheeler Trail was knocked off its footings by a recent deluge, and requires about 6 people to heft it back on. Von Mertens will arrange that task before winter ice moves it farther downstream.

**Pack Monadnock power line**

Von Mertens will draft a letter from the ConCom relating to the proposed power line upgrade along the Pack Monadnock summit road. Recommending that every effort be made to find an alternative to poles and cables along the roadway given its scenic and trail value.

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