

**East Haddam  
Conservation Commission**

June 2, 2015

Adopted July 7, 2015

1. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the East Haddam Conservation Commission was held on Tuesday, June 2, 2015, at 7:34 PM at the River House. The Chairperson being in the Chair and the Secretary being Present.

a. Roll Call

Joe Zaid, Marilyn Gleeson, Peggy Carlson, Paul Sienna, Rob Smith, Todd Gelston. Others present: Kyle Mosig, Adam Mosig, Neil Mosig, Tony D'Addeo.

2. Approval of Agenda

Added Approval of Forestry and Stewardship Sub-Committee Minutes 5/15/15.

Changed the bullets under new business from a to d and b to e such that the agenda flows.

Scout update will be moved up to be addressed after the minutes approval.

Motion by Ms. Carlson to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Mr. Zaid and unanimously approved.

3. Approval of Conservation Commission Minutes for 5/5/15

Changed 7:3 to 7:30 for when the meeting was called to order.

Removed extra space and comma from the Roll Call.

4.b. added being proposed to the new landscaping business

Motion by Ms. Gleeson to approve the minutes as amended. Second by Ms. Carlson and unanimously approved. Mr. Sienna abstained.

4. Approval of Forestry and Stewardship Sub-Committee Minutes 5/15/15

Changed Annex to Gelston residence in the Call to Order section.

Motion by Mr. Gleeson to approve the minutes as amended. Second by Mr. Zaid and unanimously approved. Mr. Sienna and Ms. Carlson abstained.

5. Old Business

a. Subcommittee updates

Forestry and Stewardship sub-committee: Mr. Gelston noted there has been quite a bit of work on the Harris property. There is a bit more clearing that is needed on the blue trail. The next work day is Saturday, June 6. Sign posts are needed to show where the trails start on Harris as they are not easy to find. The boundaries need to be properly marked and blazed.

Outreach and Promotion: Ms. Gleeson noted the maps are being printed and are expected to be back by Thursday. MyTownTrails app has all the maps as well. Mr. Sienna provided the map holder information to Ms. Gleeson to discuss ordering 20 with Ms. Snow at the Town Office. The next Forestry and Stewardship meeting will be held at the Gelston residence at 7pm on Monday, June 8. Both the budget and the kiosk needs will be discussed.

Volunteer Activism: The Cameron Beard family has been dedicated workers on the Harris property, and Mr. Gelston would like to provide them with patches.

b. IWWC and P&Z updates

IWWC – Mr. Gelston noted there were quite a few items about the Reservoir and Bashan Lake. The IWWC approved the Linear Trail bridge permit.

P&Z – Ms. Gleeson noted that Mr. Casner informed her he is retiring. P&Z reviewed the Plan of Conservation and Development and several members asked why there is a note related to sewers in the corner near Shagbark. Shagbark has until July 1, to install a new septic system and to hook up the new handicap bathroom. The Cameron Family Farm has met with Chatham Health and DOA, and there are major concerns that it is not a viable financial concern. The Farm is looking to shut down over the next 3 weeks.

c. Linear Trail update

Mr. Smith noted the funds have not been transferred yet, but the grant is in the works. The bridge will have a final design shortly. The EHLT is hosting a fund raiser on June 15<sup>th</sup>, and everyone is invited to attend.

d. Trowbridge Road property discussion

Mr. Smith noted that Mr. Walter and the property owner are in agreement to swap 20,000 feet of property. The swap will not include the driveway area on it. Mr. Gelston asked if the new land is going to be significantly increased in value. The new property will likely be higher in value than the original property. Right now, there is no access, as the property that the buses turn around on is not owned by the Town at this point.

Motion by Mr. Gelston that the Conservation Commission does not recommend the 20,000 square foot exchange as 1) the property has already been paid for by the town as part of the eminent domain proceedings, 2) the 20,000 square feet property exchange are probably not equal in value with the portion received by the town is probably worth less, 3) and contained within the 20,000 square feet of property that the town will be receiving is the bus turn around which the town's is already entitled to by adverse possession, seconded by Mr. Sienna and unanimously approved.

e. Disc Golf

Mr. Smith noted the Disc Golf principals walked the Town Beach property. Mr. Ventres drew up a suggested course to help show how the property may work. The CC members created a list of parameters and discussed that with the principals. They are going to come back to the CC with a proposal.

f. Agriculture agreement on Shugrue

Mr. Smith discussed with Mr. Ventres who noted the concerns will be raised and addressed.

6. New Business

a. New bills

Motion by Mr. Gelston to pay Ms. Gleeson's printer ink bill and the Shagbark bill Mr. Smith received, seconded by Mr. Sienna and unanimously approved.

b. Public Comment

No public attended.

c. Scout projects and sign off

Kyle and Adam Mosig attended to provide an update on their Eagle Scout projects. Mr. Adam Mosig provided a full summary of his project (building 2 kiosks on Rose Farm Homestead) as it is now complete. The most challenging part was the rocks. He had 3 work parties with a number of scouts helping build the kiosk. It cost about \$393 for supplies from Shagbark. Plexiglass was on the original plan but removed. There may be an opportunity for another Boy Scout project to stain the kiosks. Mr. D'Addeo will contact Mr. Gelston to discuss the opportunity to get the kiosks stained by several Boy Scouts to allow them to get other badges. Mr. Adam Mosig will post a plaque stating who did the work to memorialize the Eagle Scout project. Mr. Smith reviewed the paperwork and signed it to allow it to move forward. Kyle Mosig provided a full summary of his project (building 1 kiosk on Hatch Lot) as it is now complete. He is very happy how his kiosk turned out. It cost about \$393 as well for supplies. This kiosk has a roof, which makes the sign look very nice. Mr. Smith reviewed the paperwork and signed off on the project's completion. Griffin Shepard is now an Eagle Scout. Mr. Smith attended and noted the ceremony was lovely.

d. Youth group permit and process

Mr. Smith provided a marked up version of the Instructions for Completing the Youth Group Camping Application Form. Ms. Goyette will type up the document. It will be provided to the Town Attorney for review.

Motion by Mr. Gelston to approve the first draft for further work, seconded by Ms. Gleeson and unanimously approved.

e. Reappointments

Mr. Smith will receive a new list of who is up for reappointment for the next meeting.

7. Next meeting – July 7, at The River House.

8. Announcements and other discussion

Mr. Ventres called and spoke with Mr. Sprecher to address the land transfer to connect Harris and Dean properties which Mr. Sprecher is donating to the town.

9. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Gelston to adjourn at 9:40pm, seconded by Ms. Gleeson, unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon A. Goyette  
Recording Secretary

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- Instructions for Completing the Youth Group Camping Application Form