

## **Brentwood Conservation Commission**

May 14, 2025 Meeting Minutes

There was a delayed start to the presentation due to difficulties with the streaming equipment. Being unable to rectify the situation, at 6:20 pm, Bruce Stevens gave an intro to the Green SnowPro program. Green SnowPro techniques could decrease salt usage while providing a more effective way to treat snow. Stevens, Doug Finan and 3 Highway Department employees attended a full-day training last year and are hoping the town will adopt the program.

Stevens introduced UNH Technical Specialist at T2 Center Scott Kinmond. He has 39 years in public service, about 7 years with Green SnowPro. T2 aims to provide tools for good environmental stewardship; Green SnowPro is one of those tools, a preventative that offers a more efficient and environmentally conscientious way to deal with snow while protecting waterways. Snow and ice bonds to pavement; what can be done to pavement to prevent that bonding? Sand does nothing to de-ice; it provides traction for a small number of vehicles; then the sand ends up in drains and waterways; clogs drains. De-icing options traditionally were salt, magnesium chloride or calcium chloride; there are new products (treated salts, premium liquids, enhancers, etc). In the right concoctions, these can be very effective. Changing de-icing products/procedures can decrease costs, by using less sand and not needing manpower to clean sand off the roads/out of drains after winter. Once the snow & ice bonds, it becomes very expensive to clear the roadways. Being pro-active deters the need for continual snow plowing through a storm. Potentially use salt brine before a storm. When snow falls, the brine is activated and keeps snow from building up.

Many private companies are already using GSP; municipalities are getting on board. Kinmond suggests coordinating with other towns/private companies to collectively purchase/create brine.

T2 has a lot of resources (training, calibration chart, rate chart, guidance and More). The Green SnowPro Program is voluntary. There is a \$450 annual fee which funds data collection and instruction/training opportunities.

Wofchuck questioned liability protection by using GSP. Green SnowPro certified businesses are covered by tort liability insurance, so long as they follow the GSP protocols. Municipalities typically already have snow & ice coverage. Record-keeping is important for this purpose, as well as for data analysis.

Stevens suggested the Town create a snow & ice policy, as we do not currently have one.

Kinmond was thanked for his time and presentation. Dunham offered a break before the start of the meeting.

Dunham called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. She thanked Bruce Stevens and Doug Finan for bringing in the speaker.

Members present were Chair Becky Dunham, Secretary Michelle Siudut, Bob Stephens, Lise McNaughton, Rob Wofchuck, BOS representative Paul Kleinman; alternates Andy LaRoche, Heather Dudley-Tatman, Doug Cowie, Patrick Marcoux.

Motion by Kleinman, seconded by Stephens to allow LaRoche to be a voting member; passed 6-0.

### **Minutes**

Motion by Wofchuck, seconded by LaRoche to approve the April meeting minutes as amended; motion passed 6-0-1.

Motion by Kleinman, seconded by Wofchuck to approve the public hearing minutes; motion passed 7-0. Wofchuck questioned how the bond term was decided; Dunham responded it was the former Town Administrator's recommendation. Wofchuck suggested bond terms be discussed/decided on by the Commission in the future.

### **Bills and Reimbursements**

Dunham noted the status of the Commission's budget year to date.

Dunham reviewed bills totaling \$270.69. Motion by Stephens, seconded by McNaughton to approve payment of bills; passed 7-0.

### **Old Business**

a. Munger/Nooney Property Update. BOS signed application for bond; title search/insurance complete; property owners have been updated to the status of the purchase. Jill Nooney wrote a book about public gardens; perhaps we can invite her to speak at another time. Dunham will be contacting surveyors to determine marking.

b. Events.

\*Roadside Cleanup. So Much Rain. Dunham has decided not to reschedule, but will advise residents that bags and gloves are available at town hall.

\*Fish & Game - Marcoux said we have a potential Bobcat program date of Aug 20 at the Library; he needs to confirm with F&G.

c. OSC.

\*Met May 7. Discussed possible list of projects that may be applicable for Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund (ARM) grant. Please review and suggest any additional items.

\*Dudley-Tatman is developing a property evaluation form to be used for future potential conservation easement opportunities.

\*Edie and Chris Shipley have offered to host a walk, June 10, on their conserved property for landowners interested in learning more about placing their land in a conservation easement. The Committee sent invitations to a group of landowners.

d. Planning Board

\*Open House at Rec Center tomorrow night regarding housing. Dunham sent a link for a housing development workshop; the video is less than an hour; she suggests watching.

\*Public Hearing on May 26 at 7 pm for Tax Map 209.010.000 / 324 Route 125 (property next to The Lyons Den).

e. Conservation Education. Emma Laham has done some research for Conservation Education; a report was included in our packet. Please provide feedback to Laham.

- f. Commissioner/alternate terms. There are three member (two for a 3 year term, one for a 1 year term) positions and one alternate position up for consideration. The deadline to apply is July 1. If you are currently in one of those positions with your term expiring this year, you will need to re-apply.
- g. Preambulation. Bruce Stevens, along with Russ Dean, a member of Exeter DPW and Exeter BOS Chair found all but one marker between Brentwood and Exeter boundaries. Exeter will prepare a report and provide it to Brentwood. There was a legislative proposal to eliminate the requirement for preambulation; it did not pass.
- h. Mill Road Dam. BOS had a discussion about Mill Road Dam at a recent meeting. There was a proposal to remove the Dam from the tax roll; decision was tabled. Bruce Stevens had reached out to the Dam Bureau (part of DES) who said he would respond months ago but has not. Stevens emailed again with a photo of the very high waters falling over the dam as a result of recent rain; Janet Stevens was copied with the hope of encouraging a response.

### **New Business**

- a. NHACC Monitoring Workshops. Dunham sent an email about a training opportunity.
- b. Municipal Complex Committee. FYI the Town posted a request for RFP for potential designs. The Committee hopes to present a plan to BOS in June. The next meeting of the Committee is June 3 at 1:30 pm.

### **Next Meetings**

Open Space Committee - as needed

Conservation Commission - Wednesday, June 11 at 6:30 pm at Town Office

Draft minutes from April 9 2025 non-public session were distributed. Motion by Wofchuck, seconded by Kleinman to approve; passed 5-0-2.

Motion by Wofchuck, second by Kleinman to seal the non-public minutes of April 9 2025.

Motion by Wofchuck; seconded by Stephens to adjourn; meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle Siudut, Secretary