

## Lisbon Conservation Commission (LCC)

### Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 27, 2024 - Railroad Station – 6:00 PM

Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM by Katrine Barclay

<b>Present:</b>	
Katrine Barclay “KB”	Mark Roberts “MR”
Robert Cook “RC”	
Becky Lockwood “BL”	<b>Absent:</b>
Rosalind Page “RP”	Gary Ghioto “GG”

Quorum present: Yes

1. Approve Minutes from Conservation Commission Meeting 1/23/24 – TABLE until March to sign.
2. Business – old/new
  - A. NHACC Programs – RP signed up for the NH DES Aquatic Resource Mitigation Program (ARM) Grant Funding on 3/27. She’ll report next meeting.
  - B. KB suggested Commissioners take turns participating in NHACC programs and reporting in so that the entire commission benefits.
3. Community Engagement/Growth Initiative
  - A. Kayak access on the Ammonoosuc.
    - a. One site is the by the Littleton border across from the Rail Trail. This site presents challenges in terms of parking. Table until it is determined if LCC has the will to acquire grants, find partners, and funding to work with this location.
    - b. UPDATE - The other site is on the river by Lions Club that has unofficially been used for kayak in/out. Lions Club supports this with CC spearheading funding & project coordination. There is a need to make access easier – some kind of stairs...granite, logs? Options for assistance with funding & site development are NH Recreational Trails program. CT River Mitigation want to add the Ammonoosuc River to their system and are willing to partner according to communication between Noah Bullock, Stewardship Director, and GG. Northern Forest Canoe Trail may work for helping with stairs – they’ve done it before. Per email to KB from GG, GG shot pictures and took measurements of the area RP and GG scoped out at Lion's Field for a kayak launch area for possible stewardship grants and help with

construction by the Northern Forest Canoe Trail folks in Vermont. GG is working with their stewardship director Noah Pollock who said recently that NFCT can assist with the dredge and fill application with NH and provide expertise on the project. GG sent Noah the photos and measurements of the Lion's Club site and will do the same for the kayak landing on Water Street that RP and GG checked out. How will this be funded? Get update from GG next meeting.

- c. The LCC needs to determine if we can move forward with these items in terms of funding, grants, partners, etc. Based on RP's experience, it requires approximately 40 of work to secure the type of grant funding needed for this type of project which is likely to require multiple grants, local funding sources, and a means to show community support of the initiative. It could take approximately 100 hours to put a project like this together.

- B. Trash Pick-up Month – Blue bags usually in May so that snow is not covering over litter that needs to be picked up.

- a. KB suggested kicking off on Earth Day, 4/22/24, and collaborating with the school. It was agreed that there is no reason not to shift from Trash Pick-up Month to Spring Clean-up.
- b. KB will talk to Melissa Jellison at the Lisbon school about collaborating.
- c. KB will change the marketing material.
- d. Transfer Station should have plenty of Blue Bags. Will continue to have the bags handed out at the Town Office to try to avoid folks using them for regular household waste disposal.

- C. Dark Sky event in Landaff (May'24) details – possible location – Blue School will have to occur between 5/1-5/12 for the darkest skies. Uncertain if this will happen. Get report from GG next meeting.

- a. Perhaps make the location the field in Lisbon.
- b. Dark Sky Month as an initiative?

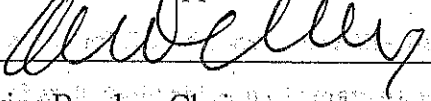
- D. Plan for working with teachers at Lisbon School for events in Spring/Summer '24

- a. MR willing to spearhead a possible BioBlitz (using iNaturalist?) or an event and creating a butterfly and pollinator gardens with the school.


- a. KB will follow up on which teachers might be interested in these projects based on feedback from school presentation in June '23 and any conversations she has had – KB will check with GG for notes from event.
  - b. Update from MR on plans to explore grants to provide binoculars for use by the school – still willing to pursue, but nothing yet.
  - c. Update from BL regarding conversation with Lee Veilleux at the Transfer Station on feasibility of a composting project before exploring ideas and conducting research on other towns that have composting at their transfer stations. Pending, BL will update March meeting.
    - i. Update from KB's follow-up with Tim Weinrich, Meadowstone Farm regarding large capacity composter to discuss if the Meadowstone composter was grant funded or not, and if it is something feasible for the town, or if Meadowstone can add Lisbon, Lyman, Landaff Transfer station to their route of pickups for composting. KB waiting to hear from Meadowstone Farm.
  - d. Further update on possible community garden establishment that was discussed in November. RP will add to town property list project and advise next meeting. The location will need access to water. Update is that there is support from the Selectboard pending some possible locations that are being reviewed. On Hold for now.
- 4. ARMLAC update – RC reported that there will be new power transmission lines going through Littleton, Bethlehem, Sugar Hill – they will be 8' higher than previously made of some kind of metal that has a wood-like appearance. Last time done was 1973. Applications to NHDES for Landfill permitting continue.
- 5. Request was made to research the procedure for the LCC to access LCC funds. KB will follow-up.
- 6. Confirmed Next Meeting **Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 6:00 PM.**
- 7. **Motion to adjourn RC seconded by BL – adjourned at 6:56 PM**

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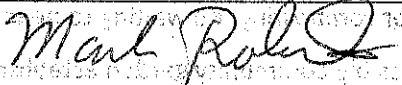
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