



## Meeting Minutes March 10, 2020

**Present:** Todd Hathaway, Ben Bade, John Gabour, Liz Wilson, Scott Pim

**Absent:** Sandy Goodspeed

**Call to Order:** 7:06 p.m.

### **Private Sand Pit Complaint**

Nate Kimenski presented a timeline relating to dewatering of subsurface water of a neighboring sand pit near Route 125 and Hedding Road. He has attempted to work with NH DES about the sand pit, but they passed it along to the EPA because it was purportedly a federal watershed. An EPA representative advised that the owner was advised to desist, and another EPA representative has advised that a site review in June 2019 and the owner indicated that the dewatering stopped, but it has continued and continues to this day. The discharge is actually covered by wood planks now, but the pump is still running. He has also consulted with Brittany Howard, the Lamprey River Association, and a local state representative, without success. Mr. Kimenski is down-stream from the owner. He estimates approximately 1-1.5 million gallons of water. The odor is unpleasant (believed to be swamp gas being disturbed by the flow) and local wildlife (beavers) has been impacted. He is also concerned about mosquito-borne illnesses. The stream crosses Hedding Road, but is identified as perennial on NH GRANITE. The wetland is being expanded into Mr. Kimenski's property. Liz indicated that DES Solid Waste does not have a system in place relating to reclamation of sand pits, and it's possible that this pit is grandfathered from permitting requirements. An EPA representative advised her that a remediation general permit would be required, along with a stormwater general permit. There is also a regional EPA dewatering permit. EPA representatives also confirmed that a consultant to the owner did contact the EPA about a Notice of Intent and general permitting requirements. Liz also contacted DES about the status and learned that their wetland representatives were scheduled for an inspection today. Liz advised those DES representatives that there would need to be additional review of other impacts, such as storm water. Liz also determined from older mapping that there appears to have been material placed into the pit/water that could be leaching and pumped out of the pit and into the wetland/stream. Scott expressed concern for unencumbered disturbance of the aquifer and contamination risk. He expressed the view that, if the Town does not have ordinances on this issue in place, there should be one. He also pointed out that modern outflow develops regulations to prevent discharge at a rate higher than the previous natural state. Michael Vose also summarized his involvement and advised the DES representatives indicated local representatives would be more apt to get DES to move on this. He also indicated that Brittany Howard at one point advised that the site was "grandfathered" to some extent. Dave Richards of Jacobs Well Road, former town inspector, advised that the owner had a history in the early 80s of violations that likely would be recorded in the Planning Board or Conservation Commission minutes.



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### **Minutes**

The Members unanimously approved the Minutes from the February meeting.

### **Financial Report and Expenses**

Not available for this meeting.

### **Program Updates**

No new updates.

### **Tech Update**

Dan reached out to Brittany about access to Planning Board documents/plans, but they are only getting copies by email. The Members felt that we could receive copies to the Group address, with only one copy being brought to the meeting. Dan also renewed the EppingOutdoors.com domain name. The cost was \$17.99, which the Members vote unanimously to reimburse to Dan.

### **Hall Easement Signs**

Ben brought an exemplar sign. All of the stakeholders are happy, and now we just need help with installation.

### **Fox Run**

Ben also completed the Alphabet Trail signs. Scott heard from the Scout that built the trail and he did not believe that there was any particular importance to the letters, so we might be able to come up with our own design, or perhaps a student project and/or tied into the school field trip. John pointed out that the see saw or swing is broken and needs to be repaired. He will contact the Rec. Department.

### **Miriam Jackson Park Sign**

Tabled until Sandy returns.

### **2020 Budget**

Tabled until Sandy returns.



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Adjourn: 8:54 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Todd Hathaway, Secretary

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John Gabour                                      Date

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Dan McCombs                                      Date

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Sandy Goodspeed                                      Date

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