

**Approved Minutes**

**Meeting Called to Order:** By Gene Young (Chairman) at 5:55 pm.

**Members Present:** Gene Young (Chairman), Earl Bagley (Vice-Chairman), members: Bob Doyle, Russ Wilder and Quinn Golden remotely. Cindy Calligandes – Secretary.

**Members Absent:** Virgil Macdonald (Selectmen's Rep.).

**Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion made by B. Doyle to approve the Agenda as amended, second by E. Bagley.  
Motion passes with all in favor.**

**Public Input:** None

**Approval of March 12, 2020 Minutes:**

**Motion made by R. Wilder to approve March 12, 2020 minutes as presented, second by B. Doyle. Motion passes with four (4) in favor and one (1) abstains.**

**Presentations/Consultations:** None

**Planning Board/ZBA Agenda Items:** None

**Standard Dredge and Fill Application:** None

**Notification of Routine Roadway and Railway Maintenance Activities:** None

**Permit by Notification:** None

**Minimum Impact Expedited:** None

**Shoreland Permit Application:**

1. **Michael Higgins** – Map 18, Lot 29-9, 138 Dewitt Drive. Construction of a 3-Season Covered Porch, Untempered/Uninsulated.

**The Conservation Commissioners reviewed this Shoreland Permit Application and had no concerns.**

**Shoreland Permit by Notification (PBN):** None

**Excavation Application:** None

**Commissioner Reports:** None

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**Other Business:**

1. **Mike Burke Town Forest** – The maps were approved by the Commissioners and will be distributed around Alton.
2. **Prospect Forest Enterprises LLC** – Map 5, Lot 36A, Coffin Brook Road. Owned by Prospect Forest Enterprises LLC (Peter Farrell) Peter has decided to sell this parcel of 47.60 acres. Assuming the Commission purchases this parcel the appraisal that is done by Lamprey Appraisals, which will provide the Alton Conservation Commissioners with his opinion of the fair market value for this parcel and the cost for the appraisal is \$1800.00, which Peter Farrell and the Commission agreed to split. The value of this parcel provides another buffer for the protection of Coffin Brook, in addition to containing contributing wetlands and protective uplands. The Conservation Commissioners are trying to protect the Coffin Brook watershed in Alton due to its significant contribution to the Merrymeeting watershed.  
**Motion made by B. Doyle to accept the Lamprey Appraisal for \$1800.00 split between Peter Farrell and the Alton Conservation Commission, second by E. Bagley.**  
**Motion passes with all in favor.**

**Old Business:**

1. **Arm Fund Preliminary Application** – with Rick Van de Poll, Ph.D. for Ecosystem Management Consultants. Chairman G. Young looking to vote on making changes to the Letter of Engagement and the Estimate to take off West Alton Brook and its associated wetlands from the job description on the Estimate and #4 on the Letter of Engagement Paragraph. Change to Wheeler lot, Map 5, Lot 36-A. 48 acres owned by PFC LLC  
**Motion made by R. Wilder to make the changes of Item #4 on the Letter of Engagement and the Job Description on the Estimate. R. Wilder, the contact person, will reach out to Rick Van de Poll to make the changes, second by E. Bagley.**  
**Motion passes with all in favor.**
2. Discussion of the Arm Fund application, the Commissioners had talked about the trout stream project on West Alton Brook and the Commission was going to try and find a different brook. The Commission discussed talking to Donna Hepp of the Belknap County Conservation District and recommend moving this trout stream project to Hurd Brook. It was the consensus of the Conservation Commission that we should ask Ms. Hepp to consider looking at Hurd Brook. Russ Wilder will call Ms. Hepp and advise her of the Commission's recommendation and that if she wants to pursue the West Alton Brook trout stream project, she should get an agreement in writing from the landowners.

**Intent to Cut:**

**Correspondence:**

**Adjournment:**

**Motion made by B. Doyle to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 pm, second by E. Bagley.**  
**Motion passes with all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Calligandes, Secretary