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Wilmot on mapping.

**Town Report:** Tina will write the Conservation Commission section for the Town Report.

**White Oak:** We will wait until the sale becomes final to mark the wetlands on the White Oak property. Earle Chase is on board to do marking, and we have earmarked funds for this. Earle said it is most important to mark the buffer. The Select Board has granted a 50-foot buffer for both Bog Pond and White Oak.

**Gravel Excavation:** Jesse will speak with Nancy Teach to see if the commission's letter is being considered.

**Mary Anne's retirement:** Mary Anne is organizing information for us and will write up areas of expertise for each member. Responsibilities need to fit into our schedules, and we should all aim for five hours per month.

**December Meeting:** We will meet in the library. Jesse will demonstrate GRANIT.

The new DES wetland permit mapping software can show every permit.

**Vote on New Member:** Motion by Mary Anne to have Nancy Robart become a regular member when Mary Anne leaves, effective January 1, 2020; seconded by Jesse; all in favor.

Conservation Commission

December 11, 2019

Condensed from approved minutes

**Members present:** Mary Anne Broshek, Jerry Hersey, Tina Cotton, Jesse Schust, Alan McIntyre, Jenny Bodwell, Lee Wells, Nancy Robart.

**Bog Pond**

Mapping: Lakes Region Planning Commission (Dave Jeffers) is taking over the mapping. Action item: Mary Anne will contact two Bog Pond Property owners in January.

**Hopkins Pond**

Cyanobacteria levels are now at a safe level. The signs have been removed and are stored in the CC filing cabinet. Larry Chase's article will appear in the Dec/Jan Beacon. We still don't know what caused the levels to spike as high as they did. Action item: Geoff Lizotte spoke with Jesse about his (Geoff's) willingness to test water sources next spring. Jesse will follow up next spring.

**White Oak**

Tina will be the main contact for the Select Board for meeting on this property. Action Item: Mary Anne will let Dave Blinn know that Tina is the contact. Once the meeting takes place, engage Earle Chase to mark prime wet-

lands and buffer. Funds for marking have been approved previously.

**Eversource Update**

Mary Anne contacted Lydia Morton (Eversource), and she will write an article for the Beacon and offered to conduct a site visit for CC members and other interested parties. Jenny reported that the site visit was cancelled due to snow, and it has not been rescheduled yet.

Jay Aube visited the site and wrote a letter to Eversource saying everything looked OK. Jay advised Mary Anne that Eversource is using the approved best practices for utilities and that the mats used by them to protect wetlands work well. Wood Sutton reports that Eversource has contacted him. They will work on his property in the spring and be in further contact then.

**Outstanding Items**

**Beaver Deceiver article:** Alan will work on an article over his winter break. Proctor is concerned that the Beaver Deceivers are not working. There have been clogs, and the school has made the decision to trap beavers. Action item: Alan will contact Skip and let him know of the problem with the Beaver Deceivers. Alan will let John Ferris know that Skip can help when there are problems. Schedule Vicky Mishcon or Skip Lisle to attend a future CC meeting to discuss how Beaver Deceivers work and ideas for best practices.

The maintenance of the Beaver Deceivers is becoming an issue. A maintenance schedule should be set up to check to make sure that they are working properly and that any issues are addressed. The Conservation Commission could go around and check on the Deceivers to see if they are becoming clogged, and then let the Town road crew know. The Beaver Deceivers do not stop flooding, they do stop the beavers from clogging things. Action item: Alan will check with Marj Roy as to who is supposed to be clearing the Beaver Deceivers.

**Meeting with Town Clerk:** Jenny checked with Bonnie Wesley, we will be getting Wetlands Permit information.

**DES Wetlands planning mapper:** Information provided by Barbara Richter: Power Point presentation is at [www.nhacc.org/files/7415/7315/4782/NHDES\\_Wetlands\\_Permit\\_Planning\\_\\_Online\\_Viewer\\_Tool\\_.pdf](http://www.nhacc.org/files/7415/7315/4782/NHDES_Wetlands_Permit_Planning__Online_Viewer_Tool_.pdf)

The user guide is at <https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wetlands/documents/wppt-user-guide.pdf>.

Action Items: Jenny will be the point person for the wetlands planning mapper. Alan will look into whether or not it is something we want linked to our website.

**Bylaws:** Tina sent Barbara Richter an e-mail to thank her for coming to our meeting. Barbara sent some sample bylaws from other towns to Tina, who felt that they are unnecessary for us.

**Wetlands Ordinance**

In November, Mary Anne asked Barbara Richter if anyone has mapped high quality wetlands in the state. Barbara has replied that there is difficulty defining high quality wetlands and nothing has been mapped. Barbara thinks that HB486 (listing the attributes of a high value wetland) will most likely not be passed in the upcoming legislative session.

**Wetlands Buffer Markers:** In his comments on the Wetlands Ordinance, Earle Chase emphasized the importance of marking wetland boundaries and buffers. Action item: Jesse will get a proposal for wetlands markers for our January meeting. We will need them for White Oak and Bog Pond. Might we be able to use one well-worded marker for both buffer and boundary markers? Our current markers say "protected wetlands, do not disturb," so we might want to look for ones that say, "wetlands buffer, do not disturb."

**Puller Bear Pro:** (invasive plant removing tool) has arrived and is currently stored in the hallway between the library and the Town Offices. We will need an article in the Beacon to let people know that it is available. Action item: Jenny will write an article for the April Beacon.

**Champagne gravel operation:** Jerry, Mary Anne, the Planning Board, and two engineers from GZA (Geo Environmental Inc) did a site visit 11/21. Mary Anne asked that Nancy Teach give all the comments from our letter and the public hearings to the new engineers. Action item: Jesse will follow through with Nancy on this. The new engineering firm was hired by the Town to provide a third party opinion.

Jon Champagne says that he still intends to create a pollinator meadow on a couple of acres near/on Route 4. The Conservation Commission will need to follow up.

He is now talking five to six weeks of stone crushing a year. Earlier he said three weeks. He is supposed to bring in the actual equipment and do the noise testing at the property line to make sure he is not exceeding the 60 decibels limit. Jon is renting this equipment.

The operation will blast, crush, and remove gravel over many years. As the gravel is sold, the hill will be blasted and crushed to obtain more gravel. ZBA ruling states they can only crush for maximum 90 days a year. If the gravel doesn't sell, it will be less time.

The remainder of the meeting was spent going over materials Mary Anne gave to help us as we move forward without her. We are grateful to Mary Anne for all that she has done for the town and the Conservation Commission. Her leadership, guidance, and dedication will be sorely missed.

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