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Subject to Review, Correction and Approval

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: November 11, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brett St. Clair, Drew Groves, Darlene Jarvis, George Holt, Ron Jarvis, Margaret Watkins

MEMBERS ABSENT: Stan Sowle

MINUTES: September's and October's minutes were accepted

OLD BUSINESS:

Zoning Ordinance review (Article 5/Article 6) by Planning Board

George Holt, Commission member and vice chair of the Planning Board, brought the Commission up to date on the Planning Board's review of the town's zoning ordinance.

George stated that he and Brian Pike had suggested a few revisions be made to Article 5: Wetland Conservation District. After a brief discussion a motion was made to accept the changes and was passed by the Planning Board. Conservation Commission members were aware of and in support of the changes.

George stated that he feels that most of the Planning Board is open to updating Article 6: Open Space Subdivisions. However, no changes should be expected this year with so little time for review before town meeting in March. Planning Board members are reviewing Chichester's current open space development guidelines which are promoted by the Central NH Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC). George said he reiterated the Conservation Commission's concerns regarding the acquisition of small, unusable pieces of land that already had a layer of protection because they were wet.

Margaret Watkins noted that Chichester's plan gives their Selectmen enforcement powers. Brett St. Clair suggested that an updated Dunbarton ordinance could reference the trail policy recently adopted by the Conservation Commission.

George confirmed that the Planning Board has yet to see a plan for an open space subdivision to be built off of Route 13 (formerly the golf course).

Eel study/Kimball Pond dam

The Fish and Game Department has removed its eel traps. About 1500 herring had to be removed from the traps when Fish and Game became concerned that the fish would not be able to reach salt water.

Koerber project update/Five Rivers Conservation Trust

Five Rivers expects to close on the Koerber project in 2021. The Trust is currently waiting for an updated appraisal.

NEXT MEETING: January 13, 2020, 6:00 PM (The Commission will not meet in December)

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Darlene M. Jarvis