

Minutes: Town of Gorham, Conservation Commission, Nov. 20, 2017

Town Hall Building, 1<sup>st</sup> floor Conference Room.

Present: Chairman Michael Waddell, Steven Malespine, Douglas Gralenski, Michael Pelchat.

Excused: Gail Wigler

Meeting was called to order by chairman Waddell at 1709hrs.

Motion made by D. Gralenski to accept minutes of last meeting. Second by S. Malespini. All voted in favor of accepting past meeting minutes.

Chairman Waddell shared a Town tax map of the 6.4 acres depicting the Eversource property being offered to the Town for \$3,000 per acre. Land includes Soldier Hill used by residents for recreation and Fire Department for training, areas for Town's waste snow pile, several town utilities including sewer connection to Wastewater Treatment Plant that drains lower village, a waste rock pile, waste leave piles and other uses by town residents which have been occurring on the Eversource property abutting the northern edge of the Town Garage. Payment for the property and an engineering plan to help the Town comply with wetlands rules will come from Capital Reserve Fund.

Motion made by S. Malespini to recommend to Town Officials the Conservation Commission's support of the \$17,500 Eversource land purchase. Seconded by D. Gralenski. All voted in favor.

Old Business: None

New Business: Chairman Waddell brought up the subject that part of the Town's designation as an Appalachian Trail Town, a committee should be formed to follow up on promises made in the Appalachian Trail Conference application such as Town Website updates including; History of the Trail, Maps of Town Trails and a Appalachian Trail town celebration. While all present thought it a good idea no formal motion was made.

Meeting adjourned at 1800hrs.

Respecting Submitted: M. Pelchat (acting secretary).