



## Hubbardston Conservation Commission

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### Conservation Commission Library Basement Conference Room 02/4/2020 Meeting Minutes

The Conservation Commission meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Rick Green in the library basement conference room.

Present:

Rick Green- Chair  
Tom Larson-Member  
Anthony Coppola -Member  
Kayla Larson-Dubois – Member

Guest Present

Deb and Tim Hawley- Owners of Mt Jefferson  
Jassy Bratko North County Land Trust  
Rick Jones- Open Space  
Bob Hatch-Open Space

**1.Review and Approve Minutes from 1/7/2020:** Minutes were reviewed. Motion to accept as written made by R. Green, Seconded by T Larson all in favor **Motion to accept passed.**

**2. Meet with property owners of lots 2 and 3W Mt Jefferson Rd to discuss project:** Deb and Tim Hawley presented to the Board. They have purchased two lots on Mt Jefferson for a new single family home. Tony and Rick both went out to complete site walk, had questions in regards to clear cutting vs thinning of forest. Tim explained he is a licensed forester the only part of the property that will be clear cut will be around house area, the rest of the property will be thinned to allow for optimal regrowth and animal habitation. All required setbacks for boundaries will be met during the construction process. Board thanked property owners for coming in to discuss.

**3.Malone Rd. Conservation Restrictions discussion with Open Space Committee:** We received email from Ken MacKenzie at DCR in regards to property which stated “Jen forwarded me your question about the property on Malone Rd in Hubbardston. I checked in with our Land Acquisition Coordinator, Jim French about the any history we had with property. He and our WPR (Watershed Preservation Restriction) Coordinator met with the town (someone on the open space committee). The property did not meet the important conditions we look at when we are looking at acquiring property. However, we indicated that we would be amenable to holding a WPR if gifted. After some consideration, they opted to work with NCLT. “ Bob Hatch also stated that the residents of Hubbardston utilize this land for hunting, skiing, and hiking DCR tends not to be as trail friendly as NCLT. After some discussion K. Larson made motion to accept conceptual deed restriction as presented seconded by T. Cappola, all in favor **Motion Passed.**

Next the restriction will be presented to the Select Board once they vote to accept it will go to the state for approval, then back to the ConCom for a final vote.

### **New Business:**

Admin advised Board of complaint the Board of Health received in regards to logging operations on Adams Rd starting before 6AM. Police and Board of Health both responded, Mike Fish from DCR has been out as well. As of now everything has been taken care of.

Kayla advised Board MACC conference is coming up she is attending. Admin advised if any other members wished to attend to send their receipts in and she would reimburse for attendance.

Rick Jones asked to approach board to discuss parcel of land that NCLT and the Open Space Committee are at, Fieldstone Farm the old Ruth Smith Property is the land in question. This is a 275 Acre farm close to the Princeton line. Land is full of protected watershed areas, wooded areas, with some remnants of prior farming activity left on land. Land is not prime for building as the parcel is very wet. Rick Jones and NCLT was looking for preliminary opinion on how the ConCom would feel in regards to pursuing a Land Grant for the land in conjunction with Open Space, land grant would cover about 66% of the cost for property the rest of the cost would come from Town funds and CPA funds. The overall feeling from the Board was a no, but this is in very preliminary stages of research. Open Space will keep ConCom involved in any progress.

Tony made motion to Adjourn meeting at 7:47 PM, Seconded by Tom all in favor meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting date 3/3/2020

