

**Sandwich Conservation Commission Meeting
Minutes DRAFT January 2, 2019**

Commission Members Present: Peggy Merritt, Fred Lavigne, Shirley Stanek, , Jean Knox, Bud Martin, Jane Albert (Alternate) **Absent:** Bruce Burrows, Jon Jakubos, Tracy Ripkey, David Mallard (alternate), Rick Van de Pol (alternate)

1. Peggy called the meeting to order at 7:05.
2. Assignment of Alternates: Jane Albert was assigned as Alternate.
3. Approval of Minutes: Shirley moved and Jane seconded approval of November 28th minutes, with addition of Fred Lavigne's name to attendees at November meeting.

Reports

4. **Wetlands** Fred reported that a wetlands permit was issued for R21 L033 on 12/24/2018.

5. **Trail Report** No new business.

Continuing Business

6. Conservation Easement Monitoring

Peggy reported that all 2018 reports are now complete and in the file. Cover letters to landowners have been written and are ready to send in January. Shirley, Jane, and Jean will meet on January 15th to copy and mail reports.

Peggy clarified the difference between LCIP easements and Town-held easements, and the roles of primary and secondary owners. R21-42A (Camp Twin Hearts) is under new stewardship of the Squam Lakes Conservation Society (SLCS). The new easement is more restrictive than currently. We need a joint understanding of our responsibility for this easement; the deed is in process. Meanwhile, we will continue to monitor the property. Peggy will work with the SLCS land steward to clarify responsibilities.

7. The developer who proposed a water-skiing lake at Ambrose North Sandwich Gravel Pit has received the minutes from our last meeting, including our firm resolve against such a project. We have heard nothing more from him.

New Business

8. Peggy has prepared and distributed a draft of the SCC's Annual Report. Members will send edits and suggestions. Jean will work to obtain a satisfactory photo for the annual report.

The SCC-has received a well-illustrated and detailed booklet about Japanese Knotweed from the NH Department of Agriculture. Peggy will request additional copies.

9. The meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Next Meeting: January 23, 2019 at 7:00 pm