Lancaster Conservation Commission (LCC) Meeting Minutes
Town Hall Second Floor – February 12, 2024

LCC Members present: Nancy Southworth, Vickie Gibbs, Sam Mayne, and Selectboard Representative Leon Rideout

LCC Members Absent: Kim Votta

Others present: Town Manager Benjamin S. Gaetjens-Oleson

Initial Business: Maybe called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm. Introductions were waived as no members of the public were in attendance.

Approval of minutes:
Minutes from the previous meeting were not reviewed for approval.

LES Floodplain Restoration Project: Mayne explained he was still planning to submit the ARM Fund application to DES. He is concerned about the Fund's requirement for perpetual property monitoring. He has contacted the Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust about taking responsibility for monitoring. DES and the Army Corps of Engineers are looking at other funding options because they feel it is a positive project. Mayne submitted the NH Charitable Foundation's MEF funding request the previous week and the Moose Plate Grant will be presented to the Selectboard at the next meeting for acceptance.

Membership: Mayne and Lavoie spoke with Charles LaFond about serving on the Commission. He did express interest but stated he was currently busy and unable to commit at the moment. Southworth spoke with Sue Greene, who also was interested but has just committed herself to another organization and is not sure she will have time at the moment. Gibbs spoke with Annie Gould, and she didn't seem interested. Mayne will contact Sarah LaPlante and invite her to a meeting.

Gaetjens-Oleson explained the Planning Board has an individual testing out being their clerk, and if it works out, they may be interested in providing the service for the LCC as well. Southworth has another individual who may be interested. She will speak with them.

Trails Update: Stuart provided an update by email. Gibbs explained the AMC will begin trail work in 2024. They will work to correct areas where trail connection has been lost. Where connections were lost, the trail will be rerouted to go through Town, which will highlight Lancaster's downtown as part of the trail. Signage will be considered at locations to direct to local businesses and amenities.

Gibbs moved to adjourn; Southworth seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Benjamin S. Gaetjens-Oleson

Approved:

_____ _____

Racheal Stuart, Chair Kim Votta, Vice Chair