

**Town of Amherst
Conservation Commission Meeting
Thursday December 28, 2016**

Attendance: D. D'Angelo, R. Hart, L. Gilman, J. Harvey, B. Beckley – Alt (voting for R. Clemens), J. Hardner-Alt (voting for W. Robertson), F. Montesanto-Alt (voting for V. Bennison)

Chair called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM

-J. Harvey moved to approve minutes from Dec 14, 2016 with the following edits and clarifications, and J Hardner seconded.

EDITS

-Replace lines 176-179 with the following:

ACC and five other Conservation Commissions in NH split the costs to integrate a map layer into MapGeo that depicts wildlife habitat and conservation priorities from the State of NH Wildlife Action Plan. J.Harvey displayed the new map layer. This will assist ACC with land management and acquisition planning. R. Hart requested a MapGeo tutorial for interested ACC members.

-Delete line 224, which occurred after the meeting was adjourned.

CLARIFICATIONS

-Concerning lines 148,149

Frank's point to this was that his conversation with Mark Vallencourt included the two trees remaining and a grassy picnic area being placed around those trees. Mark also suggested an educational sign be put in that described the process of haying and the different stages. This part of the discussion was left out of the minutes.

-Concerning line 55

Wes misspoke, the sub-committee did discuss mountain bikes on trails and sought to clarify the difference between motorized vehicles and mountain bikes, and concluded that mountain bikes are consistent with ACC's conservation and public use management objectives.

-Concerning line 67

Rob misspoke, all ACC trails are *not* closed after dark.

All voted in favor.

Non-Public Session (RSA 91-A:3, II (b))

Pursuant to NH RSA 91-A:3, II (b), D. D'Angelo moved to enter non-public session at 7:07 pm

for the purpose of discussing land acquisition, seconded by R. Clemens.

Roll Call Vote: D. D'Angelo - yea, R. Hart - yea, L. Gilman - yea, J. Harvey - yea, B. Beckley – yea, J. Hardner - yea, F. Montesanto – yea

The Conservation Commission reentered public session at 9:39 pm.

R. Hart moved to seal the minutes of the non-public session for 30 days. Seconded by L. Gilman. All voted in favor.

J. Hardner moved to adjourn at 9:41 PM and F. Montesanto seconded. Vote: All in favor.