

Conservation Commission
March 22, 6:30 pm

Members present: Kathleen DeWolfe (acting chair), Amanda Loud (acting secretary), Harold Lamos

Guests: Barry and Gretchen Draper, Max Stamp PRLAC; Leigh Sharps, Ashland PRLAC rep.; Tejasinha Sivalingam (public), Roger Larochele (SLCS)

Meeting began at 6:34 pm

SLCS Update

PRLAC: PRLAC members discussed their involvement in opposing the Northern Pass. They are a single party intervener, without a lawyer. They put in pretrial testimony in Nov. They testified at the technical sessions (2 hours 15 minutes). PRLAC is in track 2. CC will give to PRLAC its intervention letter to add to PRLAC's supplemental testimony and will send Pam Munroe a copy.

CC noted the absence of a wetland on a Northern Pass map, page 475, and CC concerns about the Collins Street access. CC will write a letter addressing this and submit it to PRLAC to be included with PRLAC supplemental testimony. PRLAC suggested CC talk to DES about protection of the wetland omitted on Northern Pass map. CC is concerned about the Collins Street Bridge over the Squam River. CC should also send this supplemental letter to the Grafton County Commissioners. A copy of this letter will also go to the SEC (Pam Munroe).

Roger Larochele from the Squam Lakes Conservation Society addressed the Commission. 28% of Ashland is in conservation. Roger gave an update on the Whitten Woods project. Roger suggested the CC help with the clean up on the restoration of the Pederson property, which recently went into conservation next to Whitten Woods.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm. Other issues on the agenda will be addressed at a later meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amanda Loud, acting secretary