

Conservation Commission  
November 29, 2017  
6:30 pm

Members present: Walter Durack, Harold Lamos, Amanda Loud

Meeting began at 6:30 pm

Minutes of 10/ 25/ 17 were approved

Walter shared the mail and notices received, including an article that discusses the legal right to protect parcels of land less than 10 acres in size with a conservation easement. Walter will put this information on the website so the CC can work with townspeople protect small parcels of land and take advantage of the property tax savings under the state's Conservation Restriction Assessment Program.

Walter updated the Commission on the important dates/ timeline of the Northern Pass developments.

Amanda shared that monitoring water conductivity will monitor the salt content. CC will continue to monitor water samples annually using the SLA equipment.

Amanda shared her experience at the annual Conservation Commission Conference. She proposed that at the January meeting each member come with:

1. a list of the top 5 (prioritized) areas in Ashland the CC should support
2. 3 (prioritized) goals the CC should accomplish in 2018
3. ideas for a table top display at the elections in March

Walter shared the LRPC Culvert Assessment Report. CC did not feel a need to respond at this time.

Master Plan Update: CC decided that the prioritized goals should be incorporated into the Master Plan.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm. There will be no December meeting. Next meeting will be January 24, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall.