Cindy Robertson called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

Present: Cindy Robertson-Chair, David Ross-Vice Chair, Deborah Miville-Member, Phil Fitanides-Member (arrived at 4:36pm), Robert Better-Alternate, William Herlicka- Alternate, Alex Walczyk, Town Council Representative

Not Present: JoCarol Woodburn-Member, John Pieroni-Alternate

Staff: Leann Fuller, Administrative Assistant

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

I. Consent Agenda
   i. Bear-Paw Print

   David Ross motioned to approve the Consent agenda, seconded by Deborah Miville. Motion passed.

II. Meeting Minutes Approvals
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   Alex Walczyk motioned to approve the meeting minutes from October 19, 2020, seconded by Deborah Miville.

   David Ross noted a typo on page 4, line 168 of the minutes. “Cindy Robertson recommended reviewing the easements more in depth to make sure ATV use is prohibited.” It should say “ATV use”. Motion passed.

III. Appointments
   i. Rue Teel, Bear-Paw Regional Greenways
      Quimby Mountain Maintenance and update on Bear-Paw Conservation Roundtable session

Rue Teel discussed the Bear-Paw Conservation roundtable discussion. There were representatives from 7 out of 11 towns. The discussion included closing Class VI roads or downgrading them into trails and keeping ATV’s off Conservation properties. Everyone agreed that ATV’s are a serious problem this year as well as unsafe target shooting. Rue transitioned into a discussion regarding the Quimby Mountain property. She did provide photos of the property along with options on how to proceed. The “No Motorized Vehicles” signs are up. Rue supplied a plan showing three different trails on the Quimby Mountain property. The purple trail is an old homestead road. The blue is unclear whether it is an approved trail or not. These were created during the homestead era as there is a rocky bridge created. The red trail is the more recent trail created by abutters. Bear-Paw did post a game camera and there has been no further ATV use. The stone wall has not been replaced but Rue would like to take care of that. Rue reviewed the picture showing that there is target shooting happening on the property and it is harming the environment including shooting trees in half.
David Ross asked which direction the shooting is going. Rue said it is Southeast. They are shooting downhill in the direction of the trail. Shooting into the woods with nothing to stop the rounds is a safety issue. There are two tree stands that need to be removed. Rue also mentioned that is a lot of invasive Bittersweet on the property. Rue would like the invasive infestation removed as it is deforming and harming many trees. The vines are thick, and trees are being forced to ground around them. The removal of the Bittersweet would require chemical remediation. There is a spot that flattens out and people can enjoy the historical old road with a well, stone foundation and beautiful 200 year old maple trees. Rue would like to see if the Boy Scouts would be interested in building a picnic table for that area. Rue will contact Phil from Parks and Recreation to see about getting the metal barrels, trash and tree stands removed from the property. If the Bittersweet should be removed at that time, she would like to do so.

Bill Herlicka recommended taking pictures to create a story and get the word out to the public about the property.

IV. Invoices
i. Bear-Paw Regional Greenways Membership $100.00

David Ross made a motion to approve payment of Bear-Paw Regional Greenways Annual Membership in the amount of $100.00, seconded by Deborah Miville. Motion passed.

V. Projects, Events, Etc.
i. Silver City NH, LLC, 39 Hackett Hill Road: Excavation Permit Notice

Cindy Robertson mentioned that a site walk for this property did take place a couple weeks ago. This is a notice to the Conservation Commission for a public hearing tomorrow evening for an excavation permit. Leann Fuller explained that the Sand and Gravel ordinance does require that the Conservation Commission be notified of any excavation permit applications. Bill Herlicka said the site walk went well and that it was a great use of the property. His major concern was the runoff for the 100 year storm and the neighbors were concerned about blasting and the aquifer. Leann Fuller stated that when they go to Planning Board, they will be required to provide a Stormwater Management Plan and Leann can send that to Bill once it is received.

VI. Other Business
ii. Town Council’s Decision on the Hooksett Riverwalk Warrant Article

Cindy Robertson spoke about her time in front of the Town Council. The Town Council was supportive of the Warrant Article. The entire cost for Phase III is $320,000. The Conservation Commission did receive an $80,000 RTP Grant and roughly $20,000 will come from Capital Reserve Funds, then the Town Council requested that another $20,000 comes from the Conservation Fund to make it an even $200,000 warrant article that went to the voters. Cindy will be going in front of the Budget Committee on December 3rd to review the Warrant Article requests. Alex Walczyk asked if they will be completing a site walk. Cindy did ask about that but never heard anything back. They generally don’t do that. The Budget Committee’s job is to look at the numbers but, in this instance, they need more information.

Cindy Robertson asked the Conservation Commission if the Budget Committee requests more Conservation funds be put towards this, should Cindy agree to do so or not? Ultimately, the Conservation Commission would like the Budget Committee to recommend the Warrant Article like the Town Council did. However, if...
they don’t, it is still a Warrant Article and goes to the voters. There are other properties that the Conservation
Commission must retain funds for including maintenance of those additional properties.

David Ross mentioned that the Conservation funds come from the Current Use tax and at some point, that will
dwindle down as there is not much open property left in town. Volunteers are being leveraged as much as
possible as well.

**Deborah Miville made a motion to not commit any additional Conservation funds then what is being
offered, seconded by David Ross. Motion passed.**

iii. Development of Land Management Plan for Riverwalk fields

Cindy Robertson met with a land management specialist. He went out and walked the property and he will
write up a land management plan, then the Conservation Commission can work on executing that plan. All
which costs money.

**Deborah Miville motioned to adjourn, seconded by Cindy Robertson. Meeting adjourned at 5:53pm.**

**Minutes respectively submitted by**

**Leann Fuller**  
**Administrative Assistant**

*Please see subsequent meeting minutes for any amendments to these minutes.*