

TOWN OF ESSEX
Conservation Commission

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Executive Board
Kathleen Tucker, Chairman
Jeffrey Lovelace, Vice Chairman

Regular Members
Richard Helmecki
Adrienne Forrest
Robert Ward
Mark J. Reeves
Frank Hall

Alternate Member
Jerri MacMillan

Record of the Vote
Special Meeting
Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 7:30 P.M.
Town Hall, 29 West Avenue
Auditorium

The Essex Conservation Commission conducted a Special Meeting on January 14, 2015 in the auditorium of the Essex Town Hall. **Attending Members** : Kay Tucker, Jeffrey Lovelace, Richard Helmecki, Adrienne Forrest, Mark Reeves, Frank Hall, Robert Ward and Alternate, Jerri Macmillan.

MOTION made by J. Lovelace to nominate Kathleen Tucker as Chair: **SECONDED** by A. Forrest; **Voting In Favor:** R. Helmecki, K. Tucker, J. Lovelace, A. Forrest, M. Reeves, F. Hall, B. Ward; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 7/0/0.

MOTION made by K. Tucker to nominate Jeffrey Lovelace as Vice-Chair: **SECONDED** by A. Forrest; **Voting In Favor:** R. Helmecki, K. Tucker, J. Lovelace, A. Forrest, M. Reeves, F. Hall, B. Ward; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 7/0/0.

MOTION made by F. Hall to move ahead to Page 6, the assessment and recommendations portion of the report prepared by Michael Callahan, Beaver Solutions, entitled Viney Hill Brook Park/Preserve Beaver Management Plan, and make a decision. **SECONDED** by M. Reeves; **Voting In Favor:** R. Helmecki, K. Tucker, J. Lovelace, A. Forrest, M. Reeves, F. Hall, B. Ward; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 7/0/0.

MOTION made by M. Reeves to rescind the vote taken at the November 6, 2014 meeting on a Motion made by J. Lovelace to engage a state licensed trapper whose services the commission previously utilized; **Discussion:** K. Tucker stated that this is a terrible precedent to set in rescinding a motion. K. Tucker sited the reserve and availability of funds to be considered when preparing the budget. By rescinding the motion, any funding for the purposes of payment to the trapper would be lost. K. Tucker noted that the motion was made in November which does not necessarily mean that it must be immediately acted upon. It would not be acted upon unless there was a major undermining of bridges, etc. **SECONDED** by F. Hall; **Voting In Favor of Rescinding the November 6, 2014 Vote:** R. Helmecki, A. Forrest, M. Reeves, F. Hall, B. Ward; **Opposed:** J. Lovelace, K. Tucker; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 5/2/0.

MOTION made by M. Reeves to pay the bills; **SECONDED** by F. Hall; **Voting In Favor:** R. Helmecki, K. Tucker, J. Lovelace, A. Forrest, M. Reeves, F. Hall, B. Ward; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 7/0/0.

MOTION made by M. Reeves to forward the 2015/2016 proposed budget to the Board of Selectmen and to the Board of Finance as prepared by this Commission at the January 14, 2015 Special Meeting with the contingency that the Commission will vote on the budget at next regularly scheduled meeting on February 5, 2015: **SECONDED** by J. Lovelace; **Voting In Favor:** R. Helmecki, K. Tucker, J. Lovelace, A. Forrest, M. Reeves, F. Hall, B. Ward; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 7/0/0.

MOTION made by J. Lovelace to approve the November 2014 Minutes as amended; **SECONDED** by K. Tucker; **Voting In Favor:** R. Helmecki, K. Tucker, J. Lovelace, A. Forrest, M. Reeves, F. Hall, B. Ward; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 7/0/0.

MOTION made by M. Reeves to table the approval of the December 2014 Minutes as presented; **SECONDED** by A. Forrest ; **Voting In Favor:** R. Helmecki, K. Tucker, J. Lovelace, A. Forrest, M. Reeves, F. Hall, B. Ward; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 7/0/0.

MOTION made by M. Reeves to adjourn the Special Meeting meeting at 10:15 pm. to the next regularly scheduled meeting which will be conducted on Thursday, February 5, 2015 at the Essex Town Hall, Room B – second floor, 29 West Avenue: **SECONDED** by R. Helmecki; **Voting In Favor:** R. Helmecki, K. Tucker, J. Lovelace, A. Forrest, M. Reeves, F. Hall, B. Ward; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 7/0/0

Respectfully submitted,

Stella C. Beaudoin
Recording Secretary