

**City of Keene**  
**New Hampshire**

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, April 19, 2021**

**4:30 PM**

**Remote Meeting via Zoom**

**Members Present:**

Sparky Von Plinsky, IV, Chair  
Eloise Clark, Vice Chair  
Councilor Andrew Madison  
Councilor Bobby Williams  
Art Walker  
Ken Bergman  
Brian Reilly, Alternate  
John Therriault, Alternate  
Tom Haynes, Alternate (Voting)  
Steve Bill, Alternate

**Staff Present:**

Rhett Lamb, Community Development  
Department Director  
Andy Bohannon, Parks, Recreation &  
Facilities Director  
Corinne Marcou, Administrative Assistant

**Members Not Present:**

*All Present*

**George S. Hansel, Mayor**

**1) Call to Order**

Chair Von Plinsky read the executive order authorizing a remote meeting: Emergency Order #12, issued by the Governor of the State of New Hampshire pursuant to Executive Order #2020-04. Pursuant to this order, The Chairman called the meeting to order at 4:34 PM and members present stated their locations and whether calling alone.

**2) Approval of Meeting Minutes – March 15, 2021**

*Revisions:* Line 256, change the word *plant* to *plan*. Line 419, add a comma after the word *acquired*. Line 364, change *ironwood* to *ironweed*.

Councilor Madison moved to adopt the Minutes of March 15, 2021 as amended, which Mr. Walker seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Bergman stated for the record that he hoped to receive draft minutes from Staff Liaisons sooner than one week or less before the next meeting if possible.

**3) Communications**

**a. National Grid – Herbicide Use Notification**

The Chairman cited the notification that he received from a constituent unrelated to the Conservation Commission but regarded herbicide application throughout town and county rights-of-ways. The National Grid was required to notify the City of the spraying. The Chairman was not pleased with the idea, did not think the Commission could do anything to prevent it, and he did not understand why this was necessary in addition to all the regular mowing that occurred. He wanted this brought to the Commission's attention so they could think together about how they could have more input for pesticides sprayed in town.

Mr. Bill thought this was important to consider, having just established Keene as a Bee City. He stated that at very least, the herbicide should not be detrimental those pollinator populations.

Vice Chair Clark's property includes a right-of-way that is maintained regularly in this fashion. She said that in her experience, the herbicide is used typically on small trees (particularly white pine), that they rarely bother spraying bushes, and that they always delineate wetlands to prevent them from entering. The Chairman said he did not want to overstep but thought it important to share for Commission feedback.

Councilor Williams questioned whether there was a good way the Conservation Commission could monitor this work to ensure nothing bad happens. Mr. Lamb was unsure and said he thought the Commission would need to research what recourse exists. Mr. Lamb continued that this letter was a direct notification to landowners and the municipality of this intent – it was not a request or permit application, and he did not think there was any local jurisdiction to manage these activities. The letters provided landowners with contact information if they wanted to know more about the dates this would occur for their properties, but no further information was provided. Mr. Lamb concluded that research would be needed to determine if there was a role the Commission could play in this.

Mr. Haynes thought that calling the contact number to find out when this would occur could allow the Commission to at least post notices to local landowners that the activity would be happening over a certain span. The Chairman thought that was likely possible, citing one of the notices that said the property owners would be provided a span of 10 days during which the activity could occur.

Mr. Bergman suggested that the Commission could ask the NH Pesticide Board for details on the herbicides' half-lives for soil and water, which he was sure they reviewed. He thought a simple request from the Commission for data sheets, etc. would be something they could provide. The Chairman said that the notification letters listed the specific herbicides that would be used and therefore, the Commission could do that research themselves too.

Vice Chair Clark said she followed the prompts in the letter to find out dates for her land, and she was told to contact Lucas Tree Service and the foreman in charge, which she intended to do for specific details on her property. She suggested that perhaps the best Commission action would be to alert other property owners who have rights-of ways passing through their land. The Chairman asked whether everyone impacted in town should have been alerted. Vice Chair Clark replied that the notice was only published in the newspaper and so she would not have known for her land if the Chairman had not brought this to the Commission's attention. Mr. Bill suggested that the Commission could notify nearby landowners with wells on their properties, who might be more interested in the solubility, half-life, and application of these materials. Fortunately, Mr. Lamb said there were no spraying sites on the map very close to private property wells.

The Chairman was glad to bring this to everyone's attention for discussion and thoughts.

**b. Antioch Bee Proposal – Michael Akresh, Ph.D.**

Mr. Lamb received calls and emails during the prior few weeks from an environmental studies professor at Antioch University New England, Michael Akresh, Ph.D., who was present with his student and research assistant, Alaina Bandanza. Mr. Akresh began by commenting on the previous agenda item on power lines, which is a part of his research foci. He said that such selective herbicide application is usually safe and is better for bees and wildlife than mowing, but he was unsure how those herbicides affect water. Ms. Bandanza could share a publication on the issue.

Mr. Akresh said he worked mainly with birds, snakes, moths, ants, and other insects; Ms. Bandanza was interested in bee research. Together, they intended to initiate a statewide study of bee abundance and diversity in fens and other wetlands to answer a variety of research questions. He thought it was great that the Commission was interested in both bees and wetlands. With that interest, the researchers were present soliciting funds to survey the fens and wetlands at Keene's Dillant Hopkins Airport for bee and plant diversity. The surveys are intended to reveal wetland health. Transects of insect traps between the wetlands and adjacent forests would help to determine how far to conserve outside the wetlands, best supporting bee communities and successful land management. This study at the Airport could provide insight for other areas of the City too and help the Commission with its interests at the Airport. The researchers hoped to accomplish similar studies across NH but said that they lacked sufficient funding. Mr. Akresh concluded that he sought funding for this study in any amount (he would prioritize sites that offered funding) to offset costs of traps, pins, boxes, and a sufficient hourly summer stipend for Ms. Bandanza and possibly one other research assistant. This was meant to be a two-year study, though Mr. Akresh was unsure whether the same sites would be used in the second year. There were more details in the proposal included in the [meeting packet](#). He appreciated any funding possible.

Mr. Therriault mentioned that mason bees had hatched at his house this same day with tremendous activity that would benefit fruit tree populations. Mr. Therriault continued asking

how much funding would be needed approximately for one wetland at the airport. Mr. Akresh said that any amount was welcomed but he referenced another site where they did this work that required approximately \$2,000 to conduct the work for 25 hours three times per season in addition to the more consuming lab hours to process the samples. If they were only in the field for 40 hours, he noted that would be a \$600 salary for Ms. Bandanza at \$15/hour before an additional two weeks or more of processing. There were funds available through the Antioch University Federal Work Study program to match these salary funds. Mr. Akresh reiterated that these costs were why they were more prone to sites that could provide even modest funding support.

Mr. Bill said that Meetinghouse Pond in Marlborough was a nice bog to consider. Ms. Bandanza agreed that the site was on her list due to fens with significant rare or threatened plant species, but that permission would be required to work on state-owned lands. Mr. Bill also suggested contacting the groups associated with Ashuelot River Park, where there are several wetlands. Mr. Akresh said he first contacted the Airport Director, David Hickling, thinking land around the runways were owned by the Airport, but learned they were in fact owned by the City almost entirely on the eastern side toward the river.

Mr. Bergman said he welcomed any support for this project due to the prospect of wildlife control fencing being installed eventually that would impinge on the Airport's wetlands in more than one location and would likely require an environmental impact assessment. He said that funding this research would show the Commission's engagement, support, and commitment in addition to supporting the Airport Director's application for funds from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Due to the vital importance of the Airport's numerous wetlands – particularly to the birding community – Mr. Bergman supported any funding possible for this project from the Commission.

Councilor Williams said he also favored some level of support. He continued that this study could provide the Commission and City vital information about local pollinator communities. He added that the Airport was one of the best funded organizations in town, with subsidies from the FAA for example. Further, given the Airport's emissions, Councilor Williams expected them to contribute to this project in some way and he hoped Mr. Akresh would follow-up on that possibility with the Airport Director. Mr. Akresh explained that the Airport Director who sent him to Mr. Lamb in search of funds from the Commission. Mr. Akresh added that he hoped to commence the study in May but was unsure whether sufficient funding would be obtained in time. The Chairman said that the Commission could approve funding from its budget at this meeting that would be disbursed quickly, though it would be limited. Regarding funds from the Airport, Mr. Lamb said that unless it occurred through the Airport Department, the funding would have to be approved by the City Council in the form of a donation.

Mr. Lamb continued stating that approximately \$1,400 remained in the Commission's budget, which renews annually on July 1. There was also the Ashuelot River Local Advisory Committee annual request for \$125 pending as the next agenda item, in addition to the annual request for

dues from the NH Association of Conservation Commissions, to which this Commission donated less than requested last year (approximately \$400). Mr. Lamb thought the Commission could provide \$500 reasonably to this pollinator research project.

Mr. Haynes wondered whether the Land Use Change Tax Fund could be used for such a donation or if the fund focused solely on land purchase. Mr. Lamb thought the farthest the Tax Fund could be stretched would be for evaluation studies for land management plans in anticipation of property purchases or easement acquisitions. Use of the Tax Funds would also require Council involvement.

Mr. Bergman moved to donate \$500 to the Antioch Bee Proposal provided; the Conservation Commission receives a report upon project completion, which Mr. Haynes seconded.

Mr. Akresh agreed that a report would be no problem. He added that he spoke with the Airport Director about a bee education day for the community at the Airport, for which Mr. Akresh also welcomed Commission participation. The Chairman believed there would be Commission interest.

Councilor Williams suggested, following this meeting, that a letter be sent to the Airport Director from the Conservation Commission urging the Airport Development and Marketing Committee to match this donation. Mr. Lamb would need to learn that Committee's capacity to donate due to their focus on marketing but said such an event could contribute possibly to the Airport's branding. Mr. Lamb and the Chairman would work to send this letter to the Airport Director.

Mr. Therriault said that part of being a Bee City means working to develop a baseline of municipal pollinator species. He said that the third week of June is Pollinator Week and in addition to this Airport study, the Commission could organize a citizen science event at Ashuelot River Park that week. The Chairman thought that was a great idea and Mr. Bohannon would follow-up with Mr. Therriault.

The motion to donate \$500 to the Antioch Bee Proposal passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

**c. Ashuelot River Local Advisory Committee – Funding Request for River Monitoring Program**

The Chairman recalled that this was an annual \$125 request from the Ashuelot River Local Advisory Committee (ARLAC) to continue their annual surveilling of E. coli in the river. ARLAC makes this annual request from every town that their surveys serve. In 2020, the Conservation Commission made a supplemental donation for ARLAC equipment that needed replacing. Vice Chair Clark, who is a member of ARLAC, did not think such a supplement was needed this year given the bee study that the Commission supported also. The Chairman said that \$125 seemed fair for what Keene gains from the surveys. Mr. Haynes agreed and added that if

Commission funds remain closer to the fiscal year's end, the Commission could support ARLAC further with the remainder at that time.

Mr. Haynes moved to donate \$125 to the Ashuelot River Local Advisory Committee, which Mr. Walker seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote in favor.

**4) Informational**

**a. Subcommittee Reports**

**i. *Outreach Subcommittee***

Vice Chair Clark said she continues sending approximately four Nature Nuggets to Ms. Marcou twice monthly for distribution to the City's website and various social medias. The Vice Chair tries to keep the posts seasonally appropriate so that people learn the sights and sounds around them. She would create an upcoming post about the Garlic Mustard Challenge. The Chairman encouraged all Commissioners with social media to share the Nature Nuggets with their personal networks for greater reach. If any Commissioners want to create Nature Nuggets on their areas of specialty, they could send three or four-sentence paragraphs to Ms. Marcou in a Word document with accompanying photos.

**ii. *ARM Fund Subcommittee***

The Subcommittee had not met but the Chairman hoped to meet with Mr. Bergman and anyone else interested before the May meeting. The Chairman would share the Zoom meeting link with the whole Committee.

**5) Discussion Items**

**a. Greater Goose Pond Forest Management Plan Stewardship Committee – Mayor Hansel [*The Chairman heard this agenda item at the beginning of the meeting, out of order, following approval of minutes.*]**

Mayor Hansel had received the Conservation Commission's recommendation to create a new City Committee to steward the Greater Goose Pond Forest (GGPF) Management Plan and he was present at this meeting to understand better what the Commission sought from the new group. The Mayor wanted the Commission to consider whether this group could form as an Ad Hoc Committee with a short, approximately one-year term to meet an extremely specific charge of gathering information or preparing reports to return to City Council. He also asked the Commission to consider whether this group could form as a subcommittee to the Conservation Commission, which he thought could be a likely option depending on the outcome of this conversation. Mayor Hansel said the Commission could create a subcommittee with no political action and he thought there would be the same level of support as for any other Committee. A subcommittee would report their findings or requests for resources to the Conservation Commission. Considering those were the two routes, the Mayor asked to hear more about the Commission's vision.

The Chairman said that the Greater Goose Pond Forest Management Plan – Mayor Hansel was on the Commission during its development – called for the formation of a Committee to steward the plan through its various recommendations from trail management, to forest management, and limited sustainable logging, among others. As such, the goal was to form a group that would allow the public to play a significant role in stewarding the forest. He said that the Commission did discuss a possible subcommittee and while not necessarily opposed, there was concern for overextending Commissioners to oversee the subcommittee.

Mr. Haynes did not think the long-term stewardship over more than a decade that was called for in the Plan could be accomplished with a short-term group. He said that continuity of members would be essential to the guide this Management Plan's appropriate implementation long-term.

Mayor Hansel thought the closest similar official Committee in the City currently was the Ashuelot River Park Advisory Board (ARPAB) overseen by Mr. Bohannon, as well as their separate non-profit counterpart, The Friends of the Arboretum at Ashuelot River Park. Mr. Bohannon agreed, stating that the Friends non-profit donated the funds originally for the City to purchase the park and continued today as the fundraising entity for things needed in the park. Conversely, he said that the ARPAB was an official City Committee appointed by the Mayor to oversee the long-term goals and maintenance of the park. The ARPAB also has fiduciary responsibility for the park, with the ability to seek funds from trustees for park work that goes beyond the normal business practices of the Parks, Recreation & Facilities Department. As such, Mr. Bohannon thought the ARPAB was a good comparison to what the Conservation Commission sought to act as a long-term advisory group for activities in the GGPF.

Mayor Hansel said that that a difficulty in forming new official committees was the ability to maintain long-term enthusiasm. He wondered if there was a way for the Commission to begin this process with a subcommittee to best identify what a new committee could do, to be the recruiting entity for that new committee, and to help the committee gain its initial momentum before establishing it as permanent.

Mr. Bergman thought than one reason for suggesting a separate committee was to engage a broader constituency of interest groups beyond this Commission. Mr. Lamb said he thought that was possible through what the Mayor suggested.

Mr. Lamb continued, adding his thought that primarily Mr. Bohannon would guide the agenda for a new committee. Mr. Lamb agreed that the GGPF Stewardship Plan included many suggestions for activities in the forest over the next several years, including timber management and other activities that require significant coordination with forest users. Mr. Lamb said the idea was for a new entity to be a sounding board for that Plan that developed through the Commission's great work. He said perhaps that work would start slowly but he cited a recommended schedule laid-out in the Stewardship Plan beginning with trails work this year and small scale forestry in the following years.

Councilor Williams asked whether subcommittee members were limited to Conservation Commissioners only. Mr. Lamb said no, other stakeholders in Keene could be recruited to follow the same recommended composition, including the potential for ex-officio, non-resident members with relevant credentials if stated explicitly from the onset. Mr. Reilly suggested a member of the Society for the Protection of NH Forests as a relevant ex-officio member because they hold an easement on the forest.

Mr. Haynes noted that Mr. Bohannon already served as Staff Liaison to the ARPAB and questioned whether he would want the same responsibility for a new GGPF entity. Mr. Bohannon replied that such oversight would not free his time but that as Parks and Recreation Director, his office would need to oversee critical trails and forest management projects with political implications. As such, establishing a new entity like the ARPAB would require people at the table focused on priorities and acting.

Mr. Bill said that that Stewardship Plan timeline for implementation began in 2019 and so action was already delayed. There were contracts and other processes the Conservation Commission could not put into action.

The Chairman restated his inclination that a subcommittee could overextend the Conservation Commission with how much the Management Plan entails, especially with public issues like timber harvesting. He was unsure the Commission was the right place to vet those politics.

Mr. Haynes asked how to create a Committee like the ARPAB. Mr. Lamb said a format like the ARPAB was in mind when the recommended charge and membership were submitted to Council. Now, the Mayor wanted to ensure there was sufficient focus for that charge and whether a subcommittee could attain the same focus. The subcommittee could test assumptions of the charge and viability of the concept as a good solution, and could then transition to a permanent committee through the City Council. A subcommittee could provide one year for the Commission, Mayor, and Council to determine decisively whether there is a true need for a freestanding group.

Councilor Madison asked whether the ARPAB preceded the Friends non-profit. Mr. Bohannon said that Friends non-profit donated the funds to the City to purchase the park and the ARPAB was then created to oversee trust funds used in the park. Councilor Madison asked whether it was prudent to wait until a Goose Pond non-profit forms before creating a City committee. Mr. Bohannon said he envisioned this new entity growing from the GGPF and onto other natural City spaces where similar work is needed; perhaps this could eventually evolve into an advisory board for open spaces or forested land, with this first GGPF effort as the model. Mr. Bohannon agreed with the Mayor's idea to begin with a subcommittee that could become permanent. Councilor Williams supported the idea of a committee to oversee the City's forested lands more generally.



Commissioners agreed with the subcommittee concept and possibility to become permanent in the long-term. Mr. Bill offered to serve, stating that the subcommittee could support short-term management.

Mr. Bergman said that when stewarding any plan with a hot topic like timber harvesting that includes more than a decade of recommendations, the City would need clarity as to whether that plan could be re-litigated by the new group of stakeholders. He wondered whether the Management Plan was fixed or if new political leanings could lead to changes in the Plan's advice over time. Mr. Bill thought the plan included provisions already for its adaptation over time. Mr. Lamb agreed with Mr. Bergman that these issues would be litigated upon the creation of every new project because the community cares about the GGPF. A new dedicated entity would be pivotal in promoting ideas in the Plan to the public for the projects to proceed successfully in the future.

Mayor Hansel said that a subcommittee of the Conservation Commission would also allow this effort to begin immediately and keep momentum, with the Commission overseeing the recruitment and to help determine scope (i.e., whether this group could serve a greater purpose beyond the GGPF). The Mayor had no problem recommending a new committee if the ideas are formed fully in advance because there would be implications that are challenging to revert.

With this agreement for the Commission to shepherd the subcommittee, Chair Von Plinsky thought this should be a critical agenda item in May. Mr. Lamb said that Commissioners could reference the [February 2021 meeting agenda](#) that included the roster proposed and brainstorm individuals to recruit over the next month. The Chairman thought there had been some luck recruiting already.

Commissioners expressed appreciation for the Mayor's time.

#### **b. Garlic Mustard Challenge**

Councilor Williams shared a map of Keene's east side and garlic mustard locations he identified there. He found less in the town center or within parks, which he thought likely due to the Parks, Recreation, and Facilities Department funding for maintenance of road edges, cemeteries, parks, and more. The stands of garlic mustard he located were not huge, but were expanding. The Councilor discussed three areas of focus that he suggested for the Garlic Mustard Challenge (GMC). If things went well at the smaller first site, he suggested larger scale efforts at the second and third sites.

##### **1. Top of Beaver Street**

- a. A former road and adjacent City-owned lot along Beaver Street both have pervasive garlic mustard in addition to the prevalence of many other invasive species. Councilor Williams suggested that Commissioners meet there in advance to determine what could be done to address the other invasive species present during the GMC.

2. Beaver Street at Beaver Brook
  - a. Neighbors had expressed interest in pulling weeds at this other City-owned lot.
3. Cheshire Rail Trail next to Keene Ice
  - a. This City-owned property is also overrun with invasive species, including garlic mustard.

Additionally, Councilor Williams said that he created a flyer to describe the GMC and how to participate, which could be included with the Green Up Keene materials distribution. The Councilor suggested Tuesday, May 11 at 5:30 PM for the first event at the top of Beaver Street. He shared his own email as the contact and thought they could build more web presence on the City website with additional information.

The Chairman liked the idea of a first event at the top of Beaver Street but cited concern with parking at that location. Councilor Williams said the flyer would suggest that people walk or bike and to not fill the neighborhood with cars despite enough suitable parking in the area. A reasonable recommendation would also be for participants to park at Robin Hood Park and walk to the GMC site.

Mr. Bill wondered if there would be sufficient participation on a weekday as the Councilor suggested. Councilor Williams said that the upper Beaver Street site was smaller, and he was concerned that high turnout would overwhelm that site. Whereas a subsequent weekend event at one of the other sites could then draw a larger crowd on a weekend. Mr. Bill added that there was significant garlic mustard also along Baker Street.

Mr. Therriault said that the envelopes he received from the Chairman would work. He would either deliver the envelopes of seeds to Councilor Williams or to Green Up Keene to hand-out himself; the seeds were an American meadows New England pollinator mix with annual and perennial species, none of which were invasive.

Councilor Williams agreed to complete the flyer and submit it to City Hall for printing in advance of Green Up Keene. Chair Von Plinsky would then pick-up the flyers from City Hall and deliver them to the Green Up Keene welcome table when he picks up his supplies early on Friday. Councilor Madison suggested a Facebook event to advertise, which Mr. Lamb agreed was possible through the Community Development Department Facebook. Councilor Williams said an event could be generated on Nature Groupie where volunteers could sign-up for this event and connect with other efforts in the region.

The Chairman recalled discussion of alternatives to black plastic bags and landfill disposal. He and Mr. Walker discussed this possibility at the NH Invasives Academy they attended, where alternatives to plastic bags were frowned upon. While black plastic bags are bad for the environment, it was the best solution to ensure the plant does not propagate elsewhere. The only other reasonable option was to place all plants picked under a tarp secured to the ground to avoid plastic disposal and plant spread, though this option is not foolproof. Councilor Williams thought

the black bags were best for an event like this for now to keep things simple, though he would like to experiment with the tarp method. Mr. Bill said that in his experience, garlic mustard has a deep taproot and simply pulling the plant top is usually insufficient. He suggested recommending that volunteers bring a garden tool with them; for example, tools for pulling dandelions would be effective.

Councilor Williams hoped a few Commissioners would meet in advance of May 11 to walk these locations, discuss other invasive species present, and establish plans for reseeding, other replanting, or follow-up care that would be needed at each site. He suggested an online garlic mustard training through Nature Groupie scheduled for April 26 that he hoped Commissioners could attend. As such, he suggested these site visits on Sunday, April 25 or during the following week. The Councilor would share the map he presented at this meeting with the other Commissioners. Emails should be distributed to other commissioners through Mr. Lamb or Ms. Marcou to ensure no quorum is achieved through reply-all emails. A meeting of two or three commissioners to scout would remain under the quorum minimum of four members. The GMC event would not count for establishing a quorum. Councilor Williams would solicit help from two other Commissioners to scout and schedule together.

Councilor Williams asked whether there would be issues accessing the City-owned properties. Mr. Lamb would investigate any implications for those properties. The former roadway was public and therefore there were no issues.

Councilor Williams said he encountered a lot of garlic mustard along roadsides that were not necessarily public-owned properties but within the right-of-way; he asked whether to advise the public to pull garlic mustard in such areas. Mr. Lamb said that many parts of the City have narrow roads and sidewalks that abut private property lines directly. Therefore, in areas directly off the City rights-of-way, City crews that could distinguish those property lines should remove the garlic mustard. He said that a challenge with such invasive species eradication is public education, which the City's road crews would need too.

### **c. Old Gilsum Road – Goose Pond Forest**

Mr. Lamb introduced this topic, which he said could be revisited in more detail at a later, less busy meeting. He shared a map of the Class VI Old Gilsum Road area from Timberlane Drive to Drummer Hill, and the Gilsum town line at the top of the Greater Goose Pond Forest (GGPF). Approximately one mile from the Timberlane Drive/Drummer Hill powerline crossings, there are eight outparcels owned by individuals/trusts and one parcel owned by Eversource. These outparcels remain from when the former Class V Old Gilsum Road was closed initially when the highway was created. In 1984, the gate was installed at Timberlane Drive and Old Gilsum Road, closing the Class VI roadway to motorized public access. Today, Old Gilsum Road can be accessed by motor vehicle only by those nine remaining property owners and no one else. Mr. Lamb said a member of the public sought to access the Fontaine property via Old Gilsum Road by motor vehicle through a lease. After some confusion, the lessee submitted a new request that

was heard by the Municipal Services, Facilities & Infrastructure Committee on April 21 with a reasonable compromise to use Old Gilsum Road twice over the season to bring-in and return equipment intended to help improve the Fontaine property. Mr. Lamb recalled that the City had purchased many similar outparcels over time for addition to the GGPF and he proposed in the long-term for the Commission to lead evaluations of small parcels and recommendations to Council for purchase. Their location on a Class VI roadway would preclude any reasonable development on those properties and Mr. Lamb did not envision the City incurring the cost of returning Old Gilsum Road to Class V.

The Chairman added this item to next month's agenda for greater discussion in May.

**6) New or Other**

Mr. Bill reiterated the Commission's membership issue that needed resolved as soon as possible. Mr. Lamb said he works on it monthly with reminders to the Mayor and the City Clerk to fix the problem, at which point it was out of Staff's hands pending Mayor Hansel's action.

**7) Adjournment – Next Meeting Date: Monday, May 17, 2021**

There being no further business, Chair Von Plinsky adjourned the meeting at 6:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,  
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April 26, 2021

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