

Ashland Conservation Commission
Draft minutes of 2-17-16

Members present:

Renee Liebert
Walter Durack
Kathleen DeWolfe
Harold Lamos

Guest: Pat Mazzone

Chairperson Renee Liebert called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

The First order of business is to elect a new chairperson as this is Renee Lieberts' last meeting as a member of the commission. After group discussion; Kathleen DeWolfe nominated Walter Durack as chairperson, Harold Lamos seconded this motion. Walter Durack accepted the nomination, vote of 3-0-1, with Walter Durack abstaining.

Chairperson Walter Durack made a motion to approve the minutes of 1-20-16 as amended (changing Peking to Pemi). Renee Liebert seconded this motion, vote of 4-0.

The commissioners discussed in detail the issue of Northern Pass and how it would affect our community. Strong concerns were the impact on Wetlands and wildlife as well as tourism. The commissioners discussed the possible impact of the Pemi river valley view from the Whitten Woods Conservation area. Another concern was that of the protection of our natural beauty of both the Pemi and Squam watersheds.

Renee Liebert made a motion to adjourn at 8:00pm, this motion was seconded by Harold Lamos....vote of 4-0.

Pat Mazzone contributed greatly to discussions of these matters and I hope to see her as a Commissioner in the future.

* I would like to thank Renee Liebert for her years of service to the town of Ashland on the Conservation Commission. It was her help along with former Commissioner Stacy Luke that inspired me to join the Commission.