Minutes of the NHACC Annual Business Meeting
November 3, 2018     8:30 A.M.

Staff - Barbara Richter, Elaine Planchet.

Meeting Called to Order by Bruce at 8:30 a.m.

President’s Remarks
Michele began the meeting by welcoming member conservation commissions and reviewing the purpose and accomplishments of NHACC. During the past year NHACC received 198 requests for assistance from members, attended 12 conservation commission meetings, was active in monitoring and testifying about legislation, attended regional meetings and roundtables, and received a grant to update the NHCC Handbook among other activities. Michelle introduced the current members of the Board, recognized the NHACC staff and thanked outgoing members of the board for their service.

Consent Agenda

Minutes of 2017 Annual Business Meeting. Jim reviewed the minutes of the November 4, 2017 annual meeting.

Treasurer’s Report. Kamal reviewed the NHACC profit and loss statement from the fiscal year May 2017 to April 2018 and compared it to the prior fiscal year, May 2016 to April 2017.

Nominating Committee: Zach presented the report of the nominating committee. The committee recommended the following as new board members with terms to expire in 2021: Jennifer Beck (Wilton); Lesley Johnson (Surry); and Larry Spencer (Holderness). The committee recommended the following as officers: President: Bruce Allen (Springfield); Vice President: Zach Boyajian (Chichester); Secretary: Katie Stuart (Shelburne); and Treasurer: Jim Owers (Concord).
Those directors previously elected or filling unexpired terms and continuing to serve are: Michele Peckham (North Hampton, immediate past president); Lisa Morin (Laconia); Kristen Murphy (Dover); David Nieman (Goffstown); and Kathy Schillemat (Nelson).

Bruce moved that the consent agenda be approved by the member conservation commissions present and further moved that that members approve the Nominating Committee recommendation for new directors and offices. Both motions passed unanimously.

Executive Director’s Report
Barbara reviewed the highlights of NHACC activities during the past year including lobbying activities on various bills of interest to conservation commissions, providing input on new wetland rules to DES, providing technical assistance, and working with local and state agencies on issues involving land protection, wildlife and conservation funding.

Meeting Surveys
Kamal reviewed responses from evaluations of the 2017 meeting and changes to this year’s meeting in response.

Outstanding Achievement Awards
Bruce and Barbara introduced the Conservation Commissions who won NHACC awards for outstanding achievements in the prior year. Winners are Effingham in northern New Hampshire, Concord in central New Hampshire, and Epping in southern New Hampshire.

Keynote Speaker
Barbara introduced the NHACC conference keynote speaker, Professor Richard Primack of Boston University, author of Walden Warming.

The Business meeting was adjourned by consent effective 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Owers, outgoing Secretary