

**Conservation Commission Meeting
October 18, 2017
Town Room, Amherst Town Hall**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Ms. Angus, Chair at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Brooks, Allen, Clark, Butler

Staff: Ziomek, Willson

CHAIR, DIRECTOR & WETLANDS ADM REPORTS

Brooks, Vice Chair, stated this is a special meeting to discuss the Kieras property. Brooks and Willson have no reports. Ziomek to lead discussion on Kieras.

MINUTES

No minutes to review.

PERMITS/DISCUSSIONS

7:05 PM Approve/sign Acceptance of Deed - Kieras property Russellville Rd.

Ziomek stated the Kieras property is one we have been looking at for years. It's an important piece of open space off of Russelville Rd. in Amherst. The Commission recommended it to CPAC who recommended it to Town Meeting who approved \$125K CPA funds be spent to buy the 2.73 acres of land. It is prime farmland and is currently used by a local farmer. There is a vernal pool that may be a breeding pond for eastern spadefoot toad, if not NHESP may be willing to work with us to breed some there.

Town needs the Commission accept the deed and then the closing can happen in the next few weeks. The owner really wanted to preserve it, it could be a building lot valued at 150-175K. Brooks asked if Kieras owns the other side of the pond (abutting lot in Hadley). Ziomek said no. Brooks asked if there were any more questions. Commission no.

Butler moved and Clark seconded. Commission VOTED (4-0-0) to accept the deed for the Kieras property on Russellville Rd. in Amherst.

Miscellaneous Untimed Items:

- Topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to a meeting.

Adjournment

Voted unanimously to adjourn the open meeting at 7:15PM.