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## HAMILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

# MINUTES OF MEETING February 24, 2021 at 7 p.m. Virtual Zoom Meeting ID: 826 4530 7095 Passcode: 579097

Members Present:

Richard Luongo (Chairman), Chris Currier, George Tarr, Lauren Lynch

**Coordinator:** 

**Bert Comins** 

**Others Present:** 

John Cole (133 Essex Street Abutter)

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 7 p.m.

Vote minutes: 1/13/2021 & 2/10/2021

Motion made by Chris Currier to accept the minutes of January 13, 2021 and February 10, 2021

Seconded by George Tarr

Roll Call Vote: Chris Currier - aye, George Tarr - aye, Lauren Lynch - aye, and Richard Luongo -

aye.

#### Discussions:

No public hearings.

• Patton Homestead Conservation Restriction

Mr. Tarr reported that the Board of Selectmen met on February 16, 2021 where they discussed and subsequently disagreed with the proposed Patton Homestead conservation restriction. Mr. Tarr commented that there were inaccuracies and distortions involved in that discussion. The Board of Selectman primarily objected to two things, one being that a restriction would be a barrier if a future sale of the property were considered and secondly, it would potentially decrease the dollar value of the property if it were to be sold. Selectperson, Rosemary Kennedy agreed to try and get the discussion back on the agenda for a future Board of Selectmen meeting. There is a potential conflict with Marc Johnson being the President of the Patton Homestead, Inc. There was also a discussion of a potential lessee that would be allowed access to the river and would crossover the 9.1 which is controlled by ConCom to get there. A follow-up discussion with Marc Johnson to resolve the misinterpretation will be scheduled. Mr. Tarr reported that he would be attending the Patton Homestead posted meeting this evening and will report back to the Commission.

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## Adjournment

Motion made by George Tarr to adjourn at 7:24 p.m.

Seconded by Chris Currier

Roll Call Vote: Chris Currier – aye, George Tarr – aye, Lauren Lynch – aye, and Richard Luongo – aye.

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