

Commission member candidates presented their backgrounds:

- **Michael Brousseau, 20 Geremia Street:** Mr. Brousseau wrote a letter of interest in April of 2021 when RCC last had an opening. At that time, Danna Truslow also expressed interest in being on the Commission. RCC felt with all the water issues they deal with that a hydrogeologist was needed on the Commission. Mr. Brousseau has stayed in touch and has rewritten a letter asking to be considered again. He has been a senior leader with several biotechnology companies. He has administrative experience along with specific leadership skills directed toward building consensus to achieve goals. He has a personal interest in environmental issues, specifically those around water and water sustainability. Over the past two years, Mr. Brousseau has stayed in contact asking about RCC projects and has attended several site walks.

Mr. Brousseau stated that he has three children and a vested interest in the Town. He has always lived in a coastal town and on boats. He is interested in how things are encroaching and storms are increasing. He hopes his background in leadership and administration will be of help to the Commission.

- **Paula Mahoney, 32 Fairhill Avenue:** Ms. Mahoney would like to rejoin RCC. She was recruited by Jim Raynes. She worked on the multi-year Awcomin' Marsh project and the Town Forest management plan. She participated in acquisitions and easements. Site walks is one of her favorite parts of being on RCC.

Ms. Mahoney stated that she had to give up her position on RCC because of a job change and she wasn't able to offer all her time. She retired from her fulltime position in 2018 and now works for an oral surgeon three days per week. She has a lot of experience in meeting, planning and project management. Her love of the outdoors is strong and is one of the reasons she lives in Rye. Part of her retirement plan is to give back again and work on a committee. She would love to be a faithful member again. The opportunity to rejoin is important as part of her retirement plan.

- **Karen Oliver, 1159 Washington Road:** Ms. Oliver is an attorney and has been on the Commission for four years as an alternate. She researched drafted and filed an appeal on behalf of the RCC on a DES decision. The result was 12-acres gifted. She has access to the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds. She's RCC's designated author of magazine, newsletter articles, and new homeowner letters. She has attended site walks, meetings, ZBA meetings, and worked on the Natural Resource Inventory.

Ms. Oliver commented that it took a while to get up to speed with RCC. She was glad to serve as an alternate because it helped to see the working of things without actually having to cast a vote, except when asked. She did a lot of work with the Southeast Land Trust before joining RCC. Ms. Oliver has really enjoyed being on the Commission. RCC's work is really important and she has a passion for it. She loves being able to solve problems and do what needs to be done to solve the problem. This is why she would like to move from an alternate to a full member.

- **Shawn Joyce, 270 Washington Road:** Mr. Joyce operates the New England Restaurant Advisors. He has a passion for wildlife and conservation. He has thirty years of work experience in strategic planning, management, finance, budgeting, valuation, real estate, and contract negotiations. He currently serves on the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries advisory panel.

Mr. Joyce stated that he has a lot of experience being on boards other than the Atlantic State Marine Fisheries. He is a hunter and would probably be the only hunter on the Commission. He thinks hunters get a bad name in Rye and other places because it's felt they are not conservation minded; however, they are very conservation minded. He thinks he has the qualifications and experience to well serve the commission.

- **Ritchie White, 30 Lang Road:** Mr. White is on the NH Advisory Committee Honoring Fisheries. He is the coordinator of the Commercial Fishermen's Revolving Loan Fund. Mr. White has a good forestry background. He worked on the Town

Forest Trails Committee and the Dogs at Large Committee. He was also on Rye Conservation.

Mr. White noted that he has an extensive background in wildlife management. He was involved in the purchase of more than ten thousand acres for clients and himself over the years. He has negotiated with landowners and dealt with lawyers. He has also worked on doing inventory of the resources on the land. Mr. White also noted that he has completed well over one hundred forest management plans. He worked with UNH when they were first starting to do research on controlled burns. He worked on a 40- acre controlled burn on one of the properties that he managed. Mr. White served on the Rye Conservation Commission in the late 80's and early 90's. He left RCC when he went on the Atlantic State Fisheries Commission and NH Fish and Game Commission.

- **Joe Tucker, 960 Washington Road:** Mr. Tucker is a builder. He is on the board of directors for the Center for Wildlife. He has experience in beekeeping and manages a pollinator habitat area and a Christmas tree farm. He is a NH Fish and Game licensed wildlife rehabilitator.

Mr. Tucker commented that he had a very successful relationship with Frank Richardson from DES. He had a lot of admiration for Mr. Richardson, as he worked well with the concept that Conservation was trying to establish, while at the same time letting landowners utilize their land in a reasonable manner. Mr. Tucker worked on a couple of projects that Mr. Richardson had approved for creating a pond for wildlife. Mr. Tucker noted he's a general contractor and has worked with the Conservation Commission in the past, as well as DES for various approvals and permits.

Commission voted to recommend to Select Board for 2 open seats:

Karen Oliver (6-0-1) Karen Oliver alternate abstaining

Michael Brousseau (7-0)

There is also open alternate's seat available for consideration by RCC which could include the other candidates who were seeking a full member position.