

Conservation Commission June 11th 2019 Meeting Minutes Draft Location: Town Hall.

Present: Mary Ann Hill, Shawn Hanson, James Kibler, Glenn Schrempf, Lou Gargiulo, Paul Melanson
Absent: Dale Ohsberg, Robert Wiener, Cathy Golas, Nancy Roka, Karen Ayers, Bethany MacAvoy

Call the meeting to order: 6:32pm

New Business:

Update on Toppan Ln Land project: James has provided both the Forest Society and the Town a copy of the agreement for review of the Toppan Ln Easement deal. Both the Town and Forest Society will provide edits/changes to James so he can have his lawyer update them. S. Hanson is working on a few slides for the Selectmen's meeting June 19th and the proposed public hearing during the Selectmen's July 17th Meeting. Jess from the Forest Society, James and S. Hanson will meet with the Select board June 19th to discuss the details of the deal.

Proposed Public Hearing for the Toppan Lane Easement will be July 17th (Wednesday During Selectmen's meeting)

Proposal for Landon to mow/weed-wack Marsh Lane Property this summer, Mary Ann will find out how much Landon would require to mow the property every other week, she will email that information to the commission for our next meeting.

Discussion on fixing Marsh LN access: S. Hanson started the process to cutting back brush which is impacting access to the ROW to the Marsh Ln parking lot. Ruts in the ROW and the parking lot were fixed and additional brush was cut back in the parking lot area. The brush pile was left in the parking area and will be brought to the brush dump at a later date. The Commission also discussed the possibility of adding some crushed stone to help with the wet areas on the ROW and parking lot as well as help delineate the ROW. S. Hanson will try to contact the land owner about the possibility to add the crushed stone.

Other:

Possible wetland violation in Linden Rd neighborhood, it appears there is shrub debris in wetland setback. K. Ayers will be contacting the land owner and Mark S. the Building inspector.

M. Hill asked what the procedure is for reporting a wetland violation or possible violation: She was told to contact the Town Administrator or the Code Enforcement officer if she has a concern. If a prime wetland is involved, then NHDES may be contacted.

Motion to accept the May meeting minutes as amended: 1st S. Hanson 2nd M. Hill. All in favor.

Old Business:

1. Update on the rough cut wood Update: 200 board feet was picked up at UNH and dropped off in HF.
2. Conservation commission handout. Update: pictures will be loaded on Google drive for Cathy to access.
3. Invasive talk by Mary Ann Hill at the Library May 16. It was well attended and Mary Ann did great!
4. Story Map of conservation lands and trails. In process.
5. Update on Town Forest tree trimming activity. No update.
6. Policy or Procedure adoption for land purchase or easements over a certain amount. I think the voters need to vote on large projects. Still in process. Examples from Exeter and Durham NH.
7. Plan for yearly trail maintenance like we do for road side cleanup. In process: needed at Marsh Ln.
8. Communication outreach to residence for use of Conservation lands.
9. Improve our online presence for conservation lands advertising conservation land available to residence to use. In process
10. Long range planning for Conservation Commission Create Conservation Plan, including land priorities, easement procedures and policies and use. In process.

L. Gargiulo asked if there was a mechanism for a resident to donate money or land to the conservation commission? He feels it's important we create a simple process, or system that would allow residence to gift land or money, specifically for purchasing land or easements. S. Hanson will research what other towns do to see if we can adopt a process or procedure that would make it easy and inviting for people to gift land or money.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21pm

Next Meeting: May 14th 6:30pm Town Hall.