

Conservation Commission July 13, 2021 Meeting Minutes, FINAL

Location: Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 6:39 P.M.

Present: Mary Ann Hill, Shawn Hanson, Cathy Golas, Robert Wiener, and Karen Ayers, alternate

Absent: James Kibler, Paul Melanson, Lou Gargiulo, Selectman, and Nancy Roka Alternate

Guests: Taylor Foley

Karen Ayers appointed full member for this meeting

Summer Intern: M. Hill introduced Taylor Foley, our summer intern to those who were not at the June 8th meeting.

Raspberry Farm/Town Forest:

- One brush clump has been cut. Earlier cuttings added to pile. Too wet to get to burn.
- Started clearing invasives along the rock wall for pollinator garden. Neighbor assisted.
- Taylor has completed a map of the invasive plants at the Raspberry Farm in ArcGis.
- Other options for haying: Mr. Rosencrantz

Marsh Lane:

- Kassandra and Amanda from SELT visited the Marsh Lane property for their annual stewardship inspection. Taylor and Mary Ann accompanied. Came across an injured redtail hawk and took it to Wings of Hope in Epping. Also found some Indian Pipe, cauliflower fungi and princess tree moss.
- Also noted tracks and crushed vegetation from ATV usage. **Action Item:** Put up sign prohibiting motor vehicles.
- Spoke with owner who said they were in the process of moving their supply pile back onto their own property, but no progress yet. Discuss another letter, possibly from Town Attorney, stating a deadline. Shawn will check on options if deadline not met.

Wetland Violation: The Blind on Map 4 lot 7.2 has been removed.

Encroaching fence on Town Forest has been removed.

Shoreland violation: Old Stage Road, DES scheduled a site visit for end of June. No determination yet.

Reports:

- **Planning board:** New plan for M 7 Lot 61 on Route 1: remove asphalt encroachment on wetland buffer. Other planning board hearings on Unital's tree trimming on scenic roads. Unital also will be spraying herbicides on/around poles that are being overrun with invasive plants, notably bittersweet.
- **SHEA:** survey on line for what is wanted for the estuary (tours, Kayak, etc.); seminar on rain chains and marsh walk planned; pursuing grants to develop an estuary master plan
- **DOT** – another workshop at Lincoln Akerman School at 6:30 Thursday, July 15. Will present options for Route 1. People don't want changes to Common, State won't proceed if Town doesn't approve
- **ZBA** – Application for a special exception to Article III, Section 4, A. 4 to allow a dog daycare on map 9 lot 8. Also, an application for relief from Building Code Section 7.1.1.1 b to allow a more shallow Test Pit result.
- **Depot landing:** No report this month

Clay Brook Forest Easement: Shawn will obtain a copy and post on our Google site.

Story maps: Taylor and Mary Ann surveyed invasive plants along town roads. Taylor is adding the data and photos on another ArcGis map.

Other:

- Shawn moved to Pay ESRI \$100 for two ArcGis licenses. Robert Seconded. Passed.
Shawn moved to Pay Stockton Services the sum of \$500 for Marsh Lane survey and map work, Robert seconded. Motion Passed.
- Need to revisit list of properties to conserve.
- **Financial report:** One payment from budget for Intern wages of \$525.22, balance is \$7,674.78 Conservation Fund balance: \$115,638.15.

Minutes: Minutes from April, May and June 2021 were reviewed. Shawn moved to accept as written, Robert Seconded. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by Robert, Seconded by Shawn.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM

Respectfully submitted, Mary Ann Hill

Next meeting will be August 10, 2021

