

Conservation Commission August 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes, FINAL

Location: Town Hall

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

Present: Mary Ann Hill, Shawn Hanson, James Kibler, Paul Melanson, Karen Ayers, alternate

Absent: Cathy Golas, Robert Wiener, Lou Gargiulo, Selectman, and Nancy Roka, Alternate Karen Ayers appointed full member for this meeting

Guests: John Chagnon of Ambit Engineering

John Chagnon presented the current plan for a landscaping supply business at 41 Lafayette Rd. Some of the old asphalt to be removed, privacy barrier on Rt. 1, new egress onto Brimmer, runoff to be filtered/treated before getting to the buffer. Plan represents some improvements to the original site and no added issues of concern.

Raspberry Farm/Town Forest:

- One brush clump has been cut. Earlier cuttings added to this pile. Too wet to get to burn yet.
- 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 and Steve Hurd.
- Larger sign needed with do's and don'ts. Update hunting schedule.
- Invasive plant work days for September/October. What dates?

Marsh Lane:

- Property line much cleaner, some equipment still parked there. Fence price has gone up to \$5,000 for 200 feet of chain link. Investigate other options.
- Intern removed a considerable amount of bittersweet and dead branches from the parking area. Have asked the fire department to burn the pile because of site conditions.
- Sign for rules and update hunting schedule.
- Some discussion how to firm up the ROW entry. Ground very soft, huge ruts.

Reports:

- **SHEA:** Shawn made a motion to pay SHEA the annual \$100 fee/donation, seconded by James. Motion Passed
- **DOT** – another workshop at Lincoln Akerman School at 6:00 sometime in September 16 for Route 1.
- **ZBA** – Application for a special exception to Article III, Section 4, A. 4 to allow a dog daycare on Map 9 Lot 8 on Marsh Lane was **denied** because the Road does not satisfy police safety requirements for the additional traffic. It's only one lane.
- **Depot landing committee:** Plan ready on Sept. 8. Get stickers when register car. Fish and Game restrictions may apply.

Story maps: Taylor is adding more data and photos on the ArcGis map he set up. Taylor will present a synopsis to the selectmen at their Aug. 18 meeting.

Other:

- Salicornia sampling at Former Chase Saltmarsh in Sept. Have asked that they let us know when they will be here and also send us their report.
- Need a list of properties to conserve and/or improve so can qualify for mitigation funds from ARM. James will compile a list.
- Budget for 2022 due Sept. 8. Add for second intern, cost of fertilizer, and mowing to total \$12,500. Move to accept \$12,500 by Karen, seconded by Paul. Passed
- CIP submission: plan for new trails in Town Forest plus boardwalks. Do complete work-up for 2022.
- **Financial report:** After payments from budget of \$ 1,230, balance is \$6,444.78. Conservation Fund balance: \$155,653.83 with the addition of \$40,000 CU payment and \$15.68 interest.

Minutes: Minutes from July 2021 were reviewed. Shawn moved to accept as amended, Paul Seconded. Motion passed. Motion to adjourn by James, Seconded by Paul.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted, Mary Ann Hill

Next meeting will be September 14, 2021