

## **Conservation Commission – October 19, 2021 Meeting Minutes, DRAFT**

Location: Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 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

Guest: Brianna O'Brien

**Conservation Coordinator:** The Commission is considering hiring a Conservation Coordinator to assist with communicating with other Boards and outreach to the community to increase awareness of Conservation issues. Brianna O'Brien was introduced to the Commission as a candidate for this position. The Commission feels that Brianna's experience connecting with people, her work with the Hampton Conservation Commission and her enthusiasm would be a good fit for us. Shawn made a **motion** to forward to the Selectmen a recommendation to hire Brianna as a part time Conservation Coordinator. Paul Seconded. Motion Passed

### **Raspberry Farm/Town Forest:**

- Haying was done this month by Kevin Rosencrantz without a contract. James had spoken to Steven Hurd and he is willing to hay next year with the same contract we had with Glenn.
- Robert printed larger signs with do's and don'ts for Raspberry Farm and Marsh Lane. Mary Ann will laminate them and post them with the 2021 hunting rules.
- Photos of Glenn haying: try to get back from Glenn's sister or get copies.
- Plaque for Glenn – "in appreciation..." M. Hill will base wording on the article his sister wrote about him.
- M. Hill met with Tracey Degnan from RCCD to visit the IPM work done at the Town Dump on Japanese Knotweed. It was noted that dirt removed from the site of a culvert on Drinkwater Rd, and is full of knotweed, was piled at the dump. Tracey also viewed the invasive plant work done at the Raspberry Farm and said she could help us with spraying there as RCCD has a licensed pesticide applicator.

### **Marsh Lane:**

- Property line much cleaner, some equipment still parked there. Exploring other options for fencing.
- The property at 18 Marsh Lane is now for sale. M. Hill will meet with real estate agent and the property owner to clarify the property line issues.

### **Reports:**

- **Planning Board:** Approval for new house on M 4 Lot 46.13 with shared driveway with M 4 Lot 46.14 on Curtis Rd. 41 Lafayette Rd. construction approved with conditional use permit for encroachment into the buffer.
- Question about the status of the Brown Rd. Subdivision. James will contact owner to explore options to building.
- **SHEA:** Hosting a webinar on the Rail Trail with RCD and DOT Nov. 10, at 7 PM
- **DOT** – One final meeting. Residents do not want the Common altered.
- **Depot landing committee:** This committee is being merged into the Rec Commission. Total of 10 parking spaces, 5 residents only between two signs. Marsh is being degraded by human traffic. Bank caving in, limit size of boats. Rail Trail would go right through the parking area.

### **Other:**

- Commission members visited Marsh Lane before the meeting to get a good understanding of the property line issue, and also to view the invasive plant removal area.
- M. Hill reported a trail workshop in presented by Snow Hawk from Wolpole NH. Keep in mind for Town Forest.
- **Financial report:** After payments from budget of \$100 the budget balance is \$5,681.03. Conservation Fund balance: \$155,680.10.

**Minutes:** Minutes from September 14, 2021 were reviewed. Shawn moved to accept as written, James Seconded. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by Shawn, Seconded by James.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted, Mary Ann Hill

Next meeting will be November 9, 2021

