

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2017
Unofficial until Approved

Present were members: Tom Seidel, Brian Byrne, Mark Ross-Parent and Bill Terry. Mike Dufhilo, Margaret Graciano and Pam Smillie were on vacation. Also present was Judy Tyler. Hank Benesh filmed.

The secretary couldn't attend so the chair took limited notes.

Prospect Farm

The commission voted to spend \$240 to have Don Johnson and Forest Management develop an 8.5x11 printable map. The proofs of the Prospect farm interpretive signs were approved for printing for \$180. Commission is still in favor of trying for a fall picnic. Would need to mow early in September. Mark to contact Rick Davis regarding schedule?

Jackson Falls

There was a wide ranging discussion of summer use at the Falls. Does usage seem up? Is it spillover from Diana's parking? Is the porta-potty driving more traffic rather than keeping people from using neighbor's yards? The thunderstorm had water at a level almost as high as Irene, the bench was on an island and the water level was just below the woodchipped paths. Do we want to pursue reducing parallel parking on Carter Notch Rd. More signs sending people to ski touring lot? Drop-off only zone? More woodchips?

Conservation Easements

Tom reminded everyone it is time to do our annual monitoring of conservation easements held by the town. He'll forward the forms to everyone.

Gray's Inn

Tabled discussion of new loop. Tabled discussion of spraying knotweed on Gray's property until more members present. Town is probably going to spray roadsides and trying to bunch all work together.

Wetlands Permits

The Commission received copies of two permits which did not need signatures; they were just notifications.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Seidel