

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes  
May 7, 2018

Present: Brian Byrne, Bill Terry, Mark Ross-Parent, Margaret Graciano, Pam Smillie

Tom Seidel and Mike Dufilho were absent. Hank Benesh kindly filmed the meeting.

The meeting officially began at 5:38pm.

A motion was made to approve the April 2, 2018 minutes. Everyone was in favor.

A motion was made to approve the Prospect Farm mission statement and everyone was in favor.

Some discussion ensued regarding the tree stands at Prospect Farm and whether or not there is a permitting process in place. No one was sure. The commission decided to investigate further.

Upon investigating a residents' request to have "residents only" parking at the corner of Valley Cross Rd., the chairman learned that the existing parking area, if created today, might not meet regulations. By applying for the permit and starting from scratch, we could encounter additional roadblocks. A motion was made to pursue eliminating parking on Carter Notch Rd. even at the risk of opening a can of worms. All were in favor.

The commission proceeded to discuss the possibility of a sidewalk on Valley Cross Rd.

Brian shared an artistic rendering of a possible staircase down the slope from Valley Cross Rd. to the river.

Everyone agreed that before condoning or condemning these plans the commission needs to see an actual proposal for a sidewalk.

Brian signed the Kopanski property wetlands permit so it is expedited. This property is on Ridge Rd. and the plan was very well organized and designed.

Brian also signed and approved the Water Precinct's wetlands permit.

The commission began to discuss the re-election of officers. Tom suggested in an email prior to the meeting that if anyone else is interested in being chairman he would step aside. No one took him up on this offer. A motion was made to elect Brian vice chair of the commission. Everyone was in favor.

A motion was made to elect Tom as the chairman of the commission. Everyone was in favor.

A motion was made to elect Margaret as commission secretary and all were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 6:08pm so that the commission could go plant new seedlings at the Falls.

#### Falls Work Session

For an hour and a half the commission planted an assorted mix of wetlands seedlings and dogwood seedlings. In addition to the planting, we replaced some of the "Welcome to Jackson Falls" signs, and marked re-vegetation zones to prevent trampling.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margaret Graciano