

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2018

Present: Board members Tom Seidel, Bill Terry, Pam Smillie, Brian Byrne, Mark Ross-Parent. Margaret Graciano and Mike Dufilho were absent. Public was Joyce Allen.

Meeting brought to order. Secretary was absent, so minutes are notes.

Prospect Farm

It was noted that the gates hadn't been closed promptly, they are now closed. However ATV's have been seen accessing town land by driving up the old road which is now known as the Hutman's Trail / Marsh Brook Ski Trail. From this location, if the USFS gate on the Quail Trail is not closed, ATV's can access town land. They can also access many USFS roads. Tom intended contact the select board and JXC. Brian would talk to the Ballentine's about posting their land for no motor vehicles.

Mark wondered about bear baiting on town land? Consensus was state laws say need land-owner's permission so the town would need to ok. Mark asked that we place wording to not recommend this type of hunting in our management plan.

Bill wondered who placed the picnic table at the south view near Hall's ledge? No answer.

Jackson Falls

Discussion of parking for summer; Bill to write up recommendations to send to select board. Plywood trash at falls. Thanks to town crew for getting the split-rail fence back up.

Wetlands Permits

Reviewed prior month's permits. Eagle Mtn. Lot with proposed bridge is being challenged by DES. We declined to favor any particular route as long as it meets wetlands regulations.

New Business.

June 23rd training for planning boards in Albany. CC also invited.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Seidel