

Town of Jackson Conservation Commission
Minutes - October 5th, 2020 - Regular Meeting
ABBREVIATED - UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED

Call To Order: Jeff Sires, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. Attending were Members Jeff Sires, Pam Smillie, Thomas Seidel, Mike Dufilho, Brian Byrne, Ken Kimball, Ben Halcyon, and Selectman's Representative Dick Bennett. Public attendees included Tracy Degnan and Hank Benesh. Audio and video recorded via the Zoom platform will be made available on Jacksonflicks.com.

Approval Of Minutes: Minutes from the September 14th meeting were reviewed. Ken motioned to approve the minutes, and Mike and Brian seconded. The motion was carried unanimously, and the minutes were approved.

Public Comment: The Board recognized Tracy Degnan, Senior Project Manager with the Rockingham County Conservation District, to comment on recent restoration practices. This includes ongoing invasive plant control at the Jackson Ski Touring Foundation (JSTF) easement site. Tracy asked for volunteers the following Friday to help clear some invasive buckthorns. Ken suggested that Tracy contact Ellen Chandler to coordinate volunteer recruitment.

Prospect Farm: The fields at Prospect Farm had been mowed, but some saplings had yet to be cleared out. The Board discussed the current contents of the General Management Plan. Ken offered to create a questionnaire for public feedback on the Plan and bring a draft of said questionnaire before the Board at a future meeting.

Jackson Falls: The Jackson Falls volunteer committee had scheduled an upcoming meeting. Mike had no updates for supplemental signage at time of meeting.

Wildcat River: There were no updates on Wildcat River at time of meeting.

Gray's Inn: The poison ivy and other invasive plants had been treated.

Conservation Easements: The Board acquired the necessary documents and sent letters to the appropriate land owners.

Wetlands: The Board received one PBN.

New Business: Dick cautioned that public services and others should notify abutters before using herbicides to control invasive growth.

Dick motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Tom seconded. The motion was carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Will Reisig