

Town of Jackson
Conservation Commission Minutes
Regular Meeting
May 3, 2021 - 7:00PM
(Unofficial Until Approved)

Present: Jeff Sires, Chair; Ken Kimball, Pam Smillie, Mike Dufilho, Tom Seidel, Ben Halcyon, and Selectmen's Representative Dick Bennett.

Attendees: Barbara Theriault and videographer Hank Benesh.

Chairman Sires called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the April 5th meeting were reviewed. Ken Kimball made a correction stating that the Commission hoped to receive a donation of wood chips at Jackson Falls instead of making a purchase for the wood chips. **Ken Kimball moved to approve the minutes as corrected, and Ben Halcyon seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.**

Jackson Falls:

Barbara Theriault updated the Commission on her meeting with the DOT, the Road Agent, and Chief of Police (in addition to her meeting with the Selectmen) regarding parking at the Falls. There will be No Parking signs installed, two hour parking limits set at the parking lot, and spaces designated for residents. The resident parking will be for full-time residents only, and stickers will be required. The Jackson Chamber of Commerce will help update the advertising for the Falls, which will mention the limited parking and limited parking times. It will also be noted that visitors will need to carry out what they carry in to the Falls. The Selectmen approved the increase in the parking fine of \$50 per violation. Parking at the Lower Falls is reserved for Wentworth guests only. Mike Dufilho will be working on getting a kiosk and sign for the Falls.

Chairman Sires asked members if there were any additions or changes to the list he emailed regarding the work plans for 2021. Brian Byrnes emailed letting everyone know he would be able to get the chips, and they could be delivered anytime. Pam Smillie confirmed that Bob Santoro would be able to donate his time again, which includes the use of his bobcat, to help spread the chips. The Commission will install the lower fence, and a chainsaw will be needed to cut up the log in order for it to be moved. Member Seidel volunteered to cut the log. **Chairman Sires made a motion to allow either Pam Smillie or Chairman Sires to submit a request to the Wentworth Wildcat Fund which would incorporate estimates for sod, planting materials, fencing, sign and kiosk materials to be purchased for the Falls, seconded by member Seidel. All approved.**

Prospect Farm:

Ken Kimball will have a draft of the general management plan for review in June.

Gray's Inn:

Chairman Sires does not have any updates regarding housing plans for this area. He was unable to connect to the Planning Board meeting, but he will continue to follow the discussion. Selectmen Bennett also mentioned the Gray's Inn Garage as a housing possibility. Selectmen Bennett also inquired on the status of the trail following the lower library parking lot along the river. He thought it

would be beneficial to maintain. Mike Dufilho will walk it and let everyone know if there is still clear signage for public use.

Conservation Easements:

Chairman Sires has exchanged emails with a Trustee of the Highland Farms Trust who was asking about their remaining rights as they are laid out in the conservation easement. Research indicated that one of the parcels would allow a house to be built with Town approval. They were just collecting information at this time.

New Business:

Ken Kimball inquired on the process of changing Selectmen Bennett from a Selectmen Representative to an Alternate Member, since he will be stepping down as Selectmen. Selectmen Bennett indicated that a letter of request would be submitted to the Selectmen and they could approve the request.

Chairman Sires moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ken Kimball. All approved.

Respectfully submitted by Erik Atwell

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