

Town of Jackson
Conservation Commission Minutes
Regular Meeting
January 1, 2022 - 5:30PM
(Unofficial Until Approved)

Present: Jeff Sires, Chair; Ken Kimball, Pam Smillie, Ben Halcyon, Brian Byrne and Mike Dufilho.

Attendees: Alex Davis and Videographer Hank Benesh.

Chairman Sires called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes:

December 6, 2021 Meeting Minutes - **Ken Kimball made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ben Halcyon. All approved.**

Mike Dufilho joined the meeting after the minutes had been approved. He did want to clarify that the missing sign was not the sign up at Halls Ledge. It is a small directional sign at the junction of the Wildcat Valley Ski Trail and Boggy Brook Ski trail just past Camp Gout on the opposite side of the road.

Annual Report:

Members reviewed the draft of the Annual Report. It was recommended that a few additional names be added in recognition of their work. **Pam Smillie made a motion to approve the report with the suggested edits, seconded by Ken Kimball. All approved.**

Prospect Farm:

At the December 14th Selectmen's Meeting, the Selectmen approved the final draft of the Prospect Farm Stewardship Plan and will add that to the Town Warrant. The final draft is on the Town Website for anyone who would like to review it (www.jackson-nh.org).

Jackson Falls:

All of the invoices have been submitted. Jeff mentioned that the kiosk still has to be completed. Jeff is going to get some quotes for this project. Ben discussed path materials for better handicapped access. Pam suggested looking for a grant that could cover these costs, maybe through the ADA.

Gray's Inn Community Garden:

Pam spoke to Lichen (Library Director) about the Community Garden. Lichen likes the idea, but has to check with the Library Board of Trustees to make sure they have no issues with the location. Jeff presented the Community Garden idea to the Selectmen and they were in favor of it. They gave Jeff approval to apply for the grant, which Jeff would like to submit for January 15th instead of waiting until the March due date.

Wildcat River:

Nothing to report.

Conservation Easements:

Bryan asked for confirmation that letters are being sent to the homeowners from the Town that notifies them of the process for easement review, and gives them the opportunity to join the committee member when they are at the property. Jeff confirmed that he has been sending the letters to the homeowners.

Wetlands:

Nothing to report.

New Business:

Bryan asked about the road off of the Red Fox parking lot. Ken thought Mike Mallet was going to be building a house there.

Ben and Caitlin have assumed responsibility for maintaining the Eastside Walk Foundation, which is the walkway from the bridge to the fire pond. Larry Baima had been trying to control knotweed in that area, which is now something that Ben and Caitlin are tasked with. The path, which includes the bridge, will have to be updated to be ADA accessible. If a permit is needed for some of the work on the bridge and path, the Selectmen and the Snowflake Inn will most likely have to sign off on it.

Pam said that in addition to the knotweed, Lichen mentioned that there is a lot of poison ivy behind the Library. Jeff said that an invasive species management plan might be something the commission will have to consider developing.

Mike Dufilho made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Brian Byrne. All approved.

Respectfully submitted by Erik Atwell

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