

**Town of Jackson
Conservation Commission Minutes
Regular Meeting
September 6, 2022 - 5:30PM
(Unofficial Until Approved)**

Present: Pam Smillie, Ben Halcyon, Brian Byrne, and Tom Seidel.

Attendees: Videographer Hank Benesh

The meeting was called to order.

Approval of Minutes:

August 1, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Tom Seidel made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Pam Smillie. All approved.

Prospect Farm:

Nothing new to report from Ken Kimball regarding speaking with the Forest Service about the gate. Chairman Halcyon will follow up on mowing to see if view cutting can be coordinated at the same time. He will talk to Jackson Ski Touring.

Jackson Falls:

Picnic Table Location

Chairman Halcyon attended the last Select board meeting and they approved or authorized the Conservation Commission to accept the picnic table donation. Chairman Halcyon went back and reviewed the previous discussion, and stated that the Jackson Falls Committee had recommended keeping the picnic tables where the Commission thought the tables should be kept temporarily, and then be replaced with either a bench or nothing at all. Chairman Halcyon said that there is a lot of planting that needs to happen at the lower area where the table had been, so that area would be a good spot for the table to be removed and not replaced. Tom Seidel said that a staircase should probably be extended in that area from the parking lot all the way down to the Falls. Pam Smillie suggested that a bench might work well at the middle section of the Falls. In the discussion, Chairman Halcyon said he might like to see some sort of rail system installed somewhere to act as a barrier for walking, as well as to provide a spot to lock a bike. Tom Seidel suggested taking a parking space away and installing a bike rack to allow for bike parking. Another suggestion was to install a rail for bikes where the boulders now are. Tom Seidel suggested creating an action list for all of the things that the Commission would like to complete at the Falls.

Schedule Work Day

Woodchips should be ready to be delivered soon, and the thought was to have them dropped off in two

piles to make spreading them easier. Pam said that maybe more plants could be added near the handicapped area to reduce the amount of woodchips that need to be spread. Chairman Halcyon would like to also reinforce the kiosk. Chairman Halcyon did confirm with the Trustees of the Trust Funds that there is still money that can be used for the Falls.

Gray's Inn: Nothing to report.

Community Garden:

Final Invoices for Materials and Labor

Anything over the \$2,000 grant will be paid from the Money Market Account. There was discussion on what remaining expenses there may be for the garden.

Pam Made a motion to pay the invoice of \$563.66 from the Conservation Money Market Account for materials and labor, seconded by Tom Seidel. All approved.

Pam said that Anne Bennett will be giving a discussion on how to close the garden for the winter next Thursday at 5:30PM. After that, they will decide when it will be closed for the winter. The fence will remain in place for the winter.

Wildcat River:

John Fichera did reach out to say the he will move the manure pile away from Great Brook.

Conservation Easements:

Reminder Letters

Letters will be going out this week.

Wetlands: Nothing to report.

New Business: N/A

Public Comment:

Chairman Halcyon wanted to make sure that a meeting on October 3rd works for everyone. All agreed.

Brian Byrne made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tom Seidel. All approved.

Respectfully submitted by Erik Atwell

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