

**Town of Jackson  
Conservation Commission Minutes  
Regular Meeting - July 3, 2023 - 5:30PM  
(Unofficial Until Approved)**

Present: Pam Smillie, Ben Halcyon, Brian Byrne, Dick Bennett and Ken Kimball

Attendees: Hank Benesh

The meeting was called to order.

**Approval of Minutes:**

June 5, 2023 Meeting Minutes

**Brian made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as written, seconded by Pam. All approved.**

**Prospect Farm:**

Ken will contact Jim Innes to talk about when their crew can move the forestry gate. He will also talk to the Highway Department (which is short staffed) to see when they can do the work on the parking lot.

**Jackson Falls:**

Invoice for Signs from JSTF, \$900 - Post Material

The signs are done, and now posts need to be purchased. Brian is looking at post options. Pressure treated 4 by 4 may be the best choice for price and availability. There was discussion on where to place the posts. Ben suggested a concrete base that could be moved back in the winter for plowing, and then moved forward (or closer to the parking lot) again in the summer during the higher volume of parking. There was further discussion on how not to disturb any roots. A resident expressed concern about digging more holes for these signs and disturbing tree roots. It was mentioned that this concern can also be addressed when the management plan is developed, which will allow the town to vote on it. Brian spoke to Gary Spears from Eastern Green, who is interested in putting the signs in. He will have knowledge on where they can go without causing a problem to roots.

**Dick made a motion to approve the invoice from Jackson Ski Touring for the sign material in the amount of \$900, seconded by Brian. The motion was amended by Ken to also purchase the posts for a range of \$260-\$300. All approved.** This will be paid out of the Wentworth Wildcat Fund.

Ken made a motion to allow the Commission to possibly enter into a contractual agreement, not to exceed \$2,500, with Eastern Green to insert the posts, seconded by Brian. Dick abstained, everyone else approved.

Picnic Table Location

The broken table has been removed and the table that was in the middle section of the Falls has been relocated to the upper section, where the broken one previously was.

Pam mentioned other issues or concerns that a resident recently mentioned to her, including the location of the port-a-potty at the Falls. There was further discussion on the location of the port-a-potty.

**Gray's Inn:**

Nothing to report.

**Community Garden:**

Nothing to report.

**Wildcat River:**

Ben received an email from the voluntary river assessment program for river monitoring, and he is going to call back and try to set something up. He will have more to report next month.

Dick followed up on the topic of invasive species along the river. He said that the Commission should come up with a management plan for invasive species for the entire town (and help land owners), not just addressing the issues by the rivers.

**Conservation Easements:**

Nothing to report.

**Wetlands:**

Nothing to report.

**New Business:**

River Walk Rebuild Progress

Ben said the walk is 95-98% done. He said it will be done and will look beautiful for Labor Day. There was some discussion on the drainage and details on what was done for improvements throughout the rest of the River Walk.

**Public Comment:**

Ben now has a second set of keys for the Conservation cabinets. He gave them to Pam, as the secretary.

**Dick made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ken. All approved.**

Respectfully submitted by Erik Atwell

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