

**Conservation Commission
Meeting minutes of
April 18, 2018**

PRESENT: Tim Lovell, Neil Reardon, David Treat, Paul Carideo, Bill Guest and Brent Ebner.

GUEST: Steve Ungerer

Mr. Lovell called the meeting to order at 7PM

Minutes

Mr. Lovell made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of March 21, 2018. Mr. Carideo seconded the motion. Vote:5-0-1 (Mr. Guest abstained)

Presentation to Mr. Treat

Mr. Treat was presented with a certificate from the Conservation Commission thanking him for his years of service. Mr. Treat will be moving out of town this year. He was awarded with "Protector of Natural Resources", which was in keeping with the legacy of Teddy Roosevelt.

Steve Ungerer

Mr. Ungerer was present and expressed his interest in sitting in on the meeting and perhaps becoming a member. He has been a resident for eleven years. He earned his Eagle Scout designation and is currently a software engineer. He also study the Mexican coral reef and is interested in conservation. As a volunteer it would be his opportunity to give back to the community.

Nelson property

Mr. Lovell had an opportunity to meet with the Nelson family members to discuss access to the conservation land from Central Street. The family owns the property known as the Wajo building and property. The family is willing to give an easement to the Town off of Central that would pass by the Wajo building. A parking area would be constructed behind the building and then there would be a path leading to the conservation land. The intent is that the Hadley Road access would not be used by the general public to gain access to the backland. Mr. Carideo provided the Commission with a copy of the layout for the parking and easement. This would allow for easier access to the land. The entrance would have a shared driveway with the Wajo building and a sign would be installed so that the parking area could be easily identified.

The Commission discussed closing Hadley at the point where the conservation land begins. A letter of intent from the Nelson family will be provided at which time Town Counsel will be asked to draft the necessary documents and outline the necessary procedures. All costs will be borne by the Commission with the exception of any attorneys or experts hired directly by the Nelsons. The Commission plans to have the area surveyed and an easement drafted.

The family would like their name “Nelson” designated on a sign near the parking or access of the property.

The Commission would like enough parking to accommodate approximately 15 cars.

Storm Cleanup

The winter storm clean-up is underway.

New Sign

Signs will be posted advising of the ordinance concerning motorized vehicles on Conservation land. Mr. Lovell will have approximately 20 signs made and posted. They will be in orange to draw attention to them. The ordinance will be posted to the website.

Chainsaw safety

Mr. Ebner advised that Atkinson is hosting a chainsaw safety course for anyone who is interested.

Hunting Blinds

The Commission had a lengthy discussion about hunting blinds and property owner permission to allow the blinds.

Mr. Lovell made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Reardon seconded the motion. Vote: 6-0. The next meeting is May 16, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Theriault, Recording Secretary