

**Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes of
May 19, 2021**

PRESENT: Tim Lovell, Jim Wilkinson, David Treat and Neil Lynch,

GUESTS: Erin O'Neill

Mr. Lovell called the meeting to order at 7PM.

Erin O'Neill

Ms. O'Neill introduced herself and expressed her interest in joining the Commission. She said that she loves the outdoors and is interested in ecology and conservation. Her family members have always been involved in the community and she would be excited to contribute to Hampstead. She had worked with Fish and Game and has a background in biology. She also has experience in education and would like to get children involved in conservation. She has a number of ideas that she would like to share and would be willing to do so at the next meeting. Ms. O'Neill said that she would like to be an alternate member initially.

Mr. Lovell discussed the membership make up of the commission with 7 full time members and 2 alternates. Mr. Wilkinson and Mr. Lynch are alternates and would have to be moved to full time members.

Invasive Project

There will be an event held on May 22nd at West Road from 9-noon to pull the burning bushes from conservation land. There is a 3 area of concentration of the plants that the Commission would like to eradicate.

Map and trail updates

There was a discussion concerning making a kiosk for the Hadley Road conservation area. Larger rocks were used to fill in the soft areas of the parking lot. The parking area is now finished.

Mr. Wilkinson advised that he has been working on the maps for the East part of the trail system.

He also advised that some of the markers that he installed have already been removed. A rule of thumb is that a hiker should always see a marker so that they won't get lost. The nails were left behind. The Commission may decide to paint the trees instead. Mr. Lynch said that this is unacceptable behavior. The markers were placed there for the common good. Mr. Treat said that someone also pounded in the nails for the markers all the way down to the tree along the yellow trail. The reason that the nails were left protruding was so that the tree could continue to grow without the nail digging into the tree.

Logging off Eagle Road

The logging started today. The logger will hold off on doing the Eagle Road area until November due to traffic.

Minutes

Mr. Treat made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of April 21, 2021 as amended. Mr. Lovell seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0

Adjourn

Mr. Lovell made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting ended at 7:50 PM.

The next meeting will be held on June 16, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sally Theriault