

**Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes of
October 21, 2020**

PRESENT: Tim Lovell, Jim Wilkinson, Steve Ungerer, David Treat, Neil Reardon and Brent Ebner

Mr. Lovell called the meeting to order at 7PM

Minutes

Mr. Lovell made a motion to accept the amended meeting minutes of September 19, 2020, the motion was seconded by Mr. Wilkinson. Vote: 5-0-1 Mr. Reardon abstained.

Bench

Ms. Cote gave an update on the bench project . She said that 400lbs of plastics have collected so far.

Parking lot off of Hadley Road

Karl Schumacker asked about the parking lot off of Hadley Road. Mr. Lovell said that it will be approximately 50X50 gravel parking lot. The access point has to be regraded, from 13% slope to an 8% slope. No winter access is planned at this time. There will be an average of 3 to 4 cars there during the weekend. No gate is planned at this time. Mr. Schumacker expressed his concern about the element of the people who will be up there. The new owners of Hadley Road were surprised to hear about the parking area going in. He further brought up illegal activities that had gone on in the area and that he is worried about the remote area of this parking lot. Mr. Lovell stated that the problems that Mr. Schumacker was referring to actually happened on the roadway in town and not a parking area. Mr. Lovell said that if there is the slightest inclination that there are problems in that area he will ask the chief of police to have the area patrolled more often. The Chief is in support of this area because the land has been cleared and is visible. Mr. Reardon said that this topic had been discussed many times. Mr. Schumacker said that the Chief is against this idea.

When asked about the cost, Mr. Lovell responded that it will cost approximately \$6,000. There have been complaints that there is a lack of parking for people who want to walk on the trails. The parking lot will allow people to park off of the roadway, which will be safer for children. The cul-de-sac has been constructed so that large emergency vehicles can maneuver around the area. If five cars were parked irradicably on the cul-de-sac, emergency vehicles wouldn't be able to get around the cul-de-sac. Complaints were received from Starwood Drive, Golden Meadow and Nelson. Complaints would have gone directly to Conservation and not necessarily to the Police Department. Mr. Lovell was asked for the paperwork of the 200+ signatures concerning the parking. Mr. Lovell doesn't believe that he has that paperwork anymore.

Ms. Cote expressed her concern about the visibility of the parking lot and wondered about the impact on the neighbors. She also said that this should be discussed in a public

meeting. Mr. Lovell said that the parking area had been discussed in the past and that he had been in contact with the contractor to discuss the price. The initial plan was to make a 100X100 parking area but then the developer decided to install a waterline instead. Ms. Cote said that the discussion was without public input Mr. Lovell responded that public input is not required and the Commission is solely responsible for parking. Ms. Cote said that people leave there and their point of view should be sought. Under non -public meeting, maintenance should not be discussed it should have only been land purchase. Mr. Lovell said that this has been discussed many times over a three year period.

Joseph Maynard Map 13/ Lot 150 50 Faith Dr.

Mr. Maynard was present to discuss a dredge and fill that had expired. The area in question is a wetland area and they would like to construct a driveway. The area of impact would be 1000X100 square feet. DES rules require two culverts due to two channels. It would have to handle a 50 year storm. There is seasonal flooding with 2CFS flow, which is not a huge flow. This is a single family house lot and without the culverts there is no way to access the property. The parcel is located near Hampstead Hospital and the hospital initially purchased it to use as an additional access point and then decided against it. The Commission will conduct a site walk.

Budget

The budget for next year will be increased by \$4,000 to allow for additional work on the project.

Bears reported

The Commission discussed wildlife that had been seen in the area.

Trail maps

Jim Wilkinson had maps that he has prepared for the West Road area, which contained stone walls. Historical names have been added. The Commission believes that donated land should have names listed on the maps as well as nay historical names. The maps will be ready for publication shortly. He is holding off on the maps until the Williams parcel is logged because it may change the trail system. The blazing was discussed. PVC tiles will be used and color coded depending upon the trail.

Orange vests

Mr. Lovell had orange vests available to the Commission members while they are working on the trails, and are particularly useful during hunting season.. An unmarked tree stands are on the Moore property.

Mr. Treat made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Treat. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting ended at 8:00 PM.

The next meeting will be held on November 18, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Theriault