

**Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes of
February 17, 2021**

PRESENT: Tim Lovell, Jim Wilkinson, Steve Ungerer, David Treat, Brent Ebner and Neil Reardon (arrived at 7:10)

GUESTS: Karl Schumacher

Mr. Lovell called the meeting to order at 7PM

Minutes

Mr. Lovell made a motion to accept the amended meeting minutes of January 20, 2021 as amended. Mr. Steve Ungerer seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0

Right to Know Law

Mr. Lovell asked if anyone had any questions concerning the RTK law material that had previously been distributed. There was a brief discussion on what constitutes a quorum and discussions during site walks. If three or more members meet, minutes should be taken.

Mr. Reardon arrived at 7:10 PM

Stone for Hadley/Golden Meadow/Stage Quotes

Mr. Lovell got quotes for stone for Golden Meadow, Stage and Hadley roads. The cost would be about \$500-\$600 per load. A ramp will have to be built up to Hadley. Golden Meadow access needs to be improved. Mr. Wilkinson mentioned the runoff on Golden Meadow. Mr. Lovell explained that the Commission owns the right of way and the whole project should cost under \$1000.

Invasive Project updates

Mr. Treat advised that he is taking a six-week invasive plant class which includes homework. Mr. Lovell spoke about the burning bush and not all species are destroyed by fire. He would never recommend this kind of remediation. There should always be a firefighter and a fire truck during burns.

Harvesting Trees for Trails

Mr. Ebner said that there is too much snow right now to harvest trees. They could crop them and then get a truck to drag the logs out. Hog Hill Pond has a beam that stretches 20 to 26 feet however only the first several feet are rotten.

Map Updates Plus Easement Question

The East area base map is done. He will work on the trails but can't download the GPS in this area. Mr. Treat will get the information to Mr. Wilkinson for the East side. He will check to see if the residents want the Martel property mapped. This is private land.

Mr. Wilkinson has mapped the stonewalls. There was a discussion concerning the access to the Town Pond off of Old County Road. Mr. Wilkinson and Mr. Lovell will work on getting an easement along the property lines to the Town Pond. A map delineating the proposed easement(s) were distributed. Mr. Reardon mentioned that the Commission has an obligation to maintain the rights of way.

Mr. Lovell made a motion to draft a letter to the abutters of the property to discuss an easement. Mr. Reardon seconded the motion Vote 6-0.

BSA update

An update was given on the Eagle Scout. He will build benches and picnic table for the Dustin property. There is a section on top of a hill that would be a good location. The commission will assist with financing of the project, which includes a picnic table.

New Business-General Comments

Mr. Lovell will order 200 more maps for the West Road trail system.

Visitor Comments

None

Mr. Lovell made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Reardon. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting ended at 7:45 PM.

The next meeting will be held on March 17, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sally Theriault