

**Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes of
April 21, 2021**

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

GUESTS: Ethan Charles

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

Minutes

Mr. Lovell made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of March 17, 2021 as amended. Mr. Treat seconded the motion. Vote: 7-0

Hadley Project/West Road Bridge/Shop Pond

There will be no additional work until next month for the Hadley Road parking area. Grading will be done along with 40-80 yards of material to make it smooth. The work was on hold until the Board of Selectmen hear from Town Counsel.

The West Road Bridge will be completed this coming weekend.

The weed eradication for Shop Pond will be done in July or August. The permit for the work has been sent to the State.

Invasive Project

The most effective way to get rid of the burning bush is to pull the plants. There will be an event held on May 22nd at West Road from 9-noon to pull the plants up. There used to be blueberry bushes in this area before the burning bushes took over.

Harvesting trees. Telephone poles for trails

Mr. Ebner got the trees harvested. Telephone poles will be used for other bridges.

Map updates/State GIS

Mr. Wilkinson finished all the trails, Plaistow and Atkinson too. Mr. Treat helped with the State GIS system. Some of the areas were not properly shaped when compared to Google. The software was redone to be compatible with each other. The Commission has to decide which trails it wants to submit to the State. Mr. Ebner said that we have to make sure that for the private property the owners are okay with publishing the trails. The Martel property indicates an easement but doesn't show where the easement is exactly. It is just mentioned in the deed. Mr. Treat updated the state's data and a lot of work had to go into that. There should be no access along the driveway on the Golden Meadow trail.

Boy Scout project/Ethan Charles

Ethan Charles is from troop 33. He would like to build a 5K course along the West Road property. He loves the outdoors and would like to make this loop a safe walking, running,

and biking area. There would be a number of signs placed on the trail system. It would take 2-3 days of work and the course would be along the perimeter of the West Road trails which amounts to 5K. Ethan would leave the woods the way they are, he would just be installing signs. Mr. Wilkinson said that one area was recently remapped to avoid private property but that shouldn't matter for the 5K course. There would be 12 intersections markers and 3 miles markers. Mr. Treat recommended a gas-powered hole digger. The members thought that this would be a good Eagle Scout project. Mr. Lovell signed off on the necessary paperwork and said that the Commission would help with funding if needed.

Mr. Lovell made a motion to approve Ethan Charles project. Mr. Ebner seconded the motion. Vote 7-0

Logging off Eagle Road

The logging project will start in May. The private landowner will be responsible for signage. The Commission can post in the parking lot. Mr. Treat will post on Facebook so that people are aware that logging is going on in the woods.

By-Laws

The Commission hasn't done the election of officers yet. The By laws were reviewed Mr. Treat said that with seven members there were problems getting alternates. It was decided to leave the matter tabled for the time being. Mr. Treat said that the bylaws could be updated. They will be brought back up again at the next meeting.

Mr. Lynch made a motion to nominate Mr. Treat as the Vice Chairman. Mr. Ebner seconded the motion Vote :6-0-1 (Mr. Treat abstained)

Mr. Treat made a motion to nominate Mr. Lovell as the Chairman Mr. Ebner seconded the motion Vote:6-0-1 (Mr. Lovell abstained).

Master Plan

Mr. Treat advised that a questionnaire will be sent out concerning the master plan for the community to answer.

Earth Day

Earth Day is 4/22, the Commission usually gives money to the fishing derby.

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 May 19, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sally Theriault