

**Conservation Commission**  
**Meeting minutes of**  
**June 20, 2018**

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

**GUEST:** Steve Ungerer

Mr. Lovell called the meeting to order at 7PM

**Minutes**

Mr. Lovell made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of May 16, 2018 with one edit to change position to possession. Mr. Reardon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Nelson Ave. Easement**

The letter had being rewritten and are expecting a signed letter shortly. There was a request from them to put up an arrow to give clear directions to the Conservation Trail. Verbally they were all set with it.

**Storm Cleanup**

There was a quick discussion to see if there was any recent damage in the trails from the recent wind storm.

**PHAT (Plaistow, Hampstead and Atkinson Trails) Safety Team Update**

Mr. Ebner gave an update on the trail information. Everyone is in agreement on the signs, junction boxes, posts and mapping. Mr. Ebner was going to purchase the required materials and asked to be reimbursed for the cost. It is estimated that Hampstead's cost would be about \$696 (for post, junction boxes and letters). Mr. Treat stated that he had plenty of PVC boards to help on cost. The mapping is getting done and it is anticipated to be complete by August 9<sup>th</sup>. They can start working on the posts and get them set up while the mapping is being completed. Mr. Ebner was asked what type of power equipment would be needed and what could fit in the area. Mr. Ebner responded that his backhoe should do most of it whereas it has a 16" bucket and he will go as deep as he can. He may need to do the area on the other side of the brook by hand. Every junction should be about a mile apart. There are many trails even though it is a small piece of land. It was noted that Hampstead had 29 junctions, Plaistow had 24 and Atkinson had 5. Mr. Ebner also stated that they were talking about numbering the bridges as well. If they go through and number them it would be a lot easier to locate where there is a problem is someone said at bridge #4. There was also some discussion about setting up an email account that would be on the signs for people to report issues directly. Mr. Treat responded that this could be done through gmail. The email can be set up and allow all the members to have access to it and embed it in the trail maps as well. Mr. Guest asked how the junction boxes will look altogether. Mr. Ebner said that they will look at the

map and if you can see one junction from another one, one would be removed and that they shouldn't be any further than a mile.

Sign for Hampstead Town rules should also be on the trails. Each town has their own rules so they need to be posted. This led to a discussion on what to do when you come across campsites. Mr. Ebner said that it depends on each person views the situation. He noted that there are some old campsites and some new ones he has come across. The overall concern would be that any fires are handled in a proper fashion. Mr. Ebner noted that he would remind people of the rules stating that you need permission to camp out and a fire permit. He recently came across a large campsite with about 14 tents for some partying. He reminded them to clean up on their way out and when he checked the place was very clean and that the fire was contained in a controlled environment.

Mr. Lovell asked if the Conservation Commission would be getting copies of the maps and software so they could make maps. Mr. Ebner stated that they would be but wasn't sure how it was going to look.

Mr. Ebner also told the Commission that Plaistow has hired Charles Moreno to forest their Town Forest. This will start over the winter and will delay them getting their posts out. There was a question about foresting the section of the woods near the Nelson Parcel. Mr. Treat explained that a long time ago it was agreed to not forest that area whereas they are mostly oak trees. Mr. Ebner stated the Plaistow has a lot of hemlock trees and Plaistow Conservation was told that they were infected. There are also some trees in the Plaistow area that attract the Gypsy Moths that they were looking to get cleaned out.

**Planning Board Update-** Mr. Carideo gave the Commission a quick update on the projects currently before the Planning Board.

It was noted that the West Road trails have some areas with high poison ivy. There was also talk about whether or not a new water test needed to be done. The one last year showed nothing. Mr. Lovell said that it was too dry to that now. They thought maybe after fertilization would be better.

A motion was made to reimburse B. Ebner for the costs of the materials for the trail junction boxes by T. Lovell. The motion was seconded by N. Reardon. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lovell made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Reardon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting ended at 8:05 PM. The next meeting is July 18, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tina Harrington, Recording Secretary