

**Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes of
August 18, 2021**

PRESENT: Jim Wilkinson, Steve Ungerer, Neil Reardon, Neil Lynch, Erin O'Neill and David Treat.

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

Minutes

Mr. Treat made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of July 21, 2021 as amended. Mr. Lynch seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-1 (Mr. Treat abstained). Motion passes.

Old Business

Fall Activities

Ms. O'Neill provided an update regarding activities, more specifically a story hour in the woods for 3 to 7 year-olds. There would be a short hike then a story and snack. She suggested one per month in different locations.

There could also be story walk which would be pages of a story posted around the conservation trails, which could be moved if they are temporary signs. There would also be activities to do in between each of the signs. The signs would be about 100 to 150 feet apart. Mr. Lynch liked the concept as it would involve both children and parents. The start date would be next spring with story hours beginning in September.

She will speak with Mr. Treat about the foraging for mushrooms event.

Map Updates and 5K

There are blue arrows on the trail for the 5K route. It will be left up to the Eagle Scout to disseminate the information.

Mr. Reardon asked what the mission of the Commission is. Mr. Treat said that the main purpose is to promote the wise use of conservation resources. A lot of information has been placed out there to get people to use the land.

The posted maps on the East side of the trail system were discussed.

Plaistow is losing 10 miles of its trail system due to logging. The trail will need to be rebuilt. In the meantime, Hampstead's use will increase.

Mr. Wilkinson made a motion to upload the new maps with QR codes Mr. Lynch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Review waterfront buffer RSA 483-B:9

The Conservation Commission should review the RSA in advance of the next meeting.

Rules for E-trail bikes

There was a preliminary discussion concerning e-bikes on the trails. Some research will be conducted before the next meeting.

Mr. Guthrie expressed his concern about how the ARPA funds would be recommended to the Board of Selectmen. He will bring it up at the next Selectmen's meeting.

Ms. O'Neill expressed concern about blasting in the parking lot access of Hadley Road as she is an abutter to the parcel.

Adjourn

Mr. Treat made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wilkinson. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be held on September 15, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sally Theriault