

**Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes of
June 19, 2021**

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

GUESTS: Erin O'Neill

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

Minutes

Mr. Lovell made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of May 19, 2021. Mr. Treat seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-3 (Mr. Ungerer, Mr. Ebner and Mr. Reardon abstained). Motion passes.

Appointment

Mr. Treat made a motion to recommend Ms. O'Neill as an alternate member to the Conservation Commission, Mr. Lovell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Invasive Project results

Mr. Treat reported that approximately 35 man hours were spent remediating the burning bush. A pile of debris was left and the plants should not re-root. This will need to be an annual project. Some people did get a little poison ivy.

Map updates

Mr. Wilkinson has finished the maps and numbered the intersections, which will also be on the map. Mr. Ebner said that he put the posts in. Permission was received from Hampstead Hospital to add the trails to the maps. The "tree lot" was also added.

Mr. Reardon expressed his desire to have Mills Passage listed on the maps. Mr. Treat provided a history of the parcel. There was a lien in process for mills passage. The land was landlocked and the owners were thinking of paying the back taxes to get the land back, instead they decided not to pursue the lien process and allowed the Town to take it for failure to pay back taxes. There is an old mill site there and a little bridge The mill site used to make shingles.

The number of maps needed for the East and West side trail system was discussed. 500 maps would cost around \$200.

There was a discussion concerning naming the brook Darby Brook or Kelly Brook Plaistow has it listed as Kelly Brook.

Mr. Lovell made a motion to print the east side trail maps, to be placed on a kiosk as well as paper maps. The vote was seconded and passed unanimously.

Old Business

Eagle Road logging will be done in the Fall.

Shop Pond has been treated.

The Boy Scout is getting enough funding for his Eagle Scout project.

Land Purchase

Mr. Lovell stated that there is a parcel of land that was offered to the Commission in the amount of \$17,000. The property is mostly wet and it is landlocked. It is located off of Route 111, Map 12 Lot 90. An abutter has offered \$22,000. Mr. Lovell said that the Commission has never paid for swamp land.

Mr. Lovell made a motion to purchase Map12 Lot 90 for \$17,000. Vote: 4-2 (Mr. Lovell and Mr. Treat against) Motion passes.

Approval has to be sought from the Board of Selectmen.

New Business

Mr. Reardon questioned the bylaws for the Commission since his copy had not been signed. It is believed that there is an original around that has signatures. The approval of the bylaws should also have been mentioned in the minutes. Mr. Reardon believes that “woodlands” should also be a priority.

Ms. O’Neill said that she is very concerned about the beach and the sand runoff. Mr. Lovell said that the Commission signed off on the beach/sand application and the Road Agent will work on the drainage/runoff issue.

Ms. O’Neill presented some ideas that she had for the Commission She would help working on organizing events and mentioned mushroom foraging. She is also interested in a Facebook page.

Mr. Treat suggested that Lupines be planted near the poison ivy to see if the Lupins will over take the ivy.

Adjourn

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

The next meeting will be held on July 21, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sally Theriault