

**Conservation Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes of**  
**4/19/23**

**PRESENT:** Tim Lovell, Karen Cozzens, Steve Ungerer, Neil Reardon, David Treat, Brent Ebner, Jim Wilkinson, Erin O'Neill, and Neil Lynch

Mr. Lovell called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

**Minutes: Mr. Lovell made motion to accept the minutes of 3/15/23. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wilkinson, Vote: 9-0. Motion passes.**

**Map 3 Lot 133**

Mr. Lovell couldn't walk the site with the SNHPF representative. It was noted that there are 2 docks located on the Conservation land. The vegetation in the area is very dense. The Commission owns the land and the Society owns the easement.

There was a sandbar/beach that previously existed but boats have been going over the sandbar and years ago the dam was raised by about a foot, which got rid of the beach area.

Renters put out one of the docks and that will be dismantled. There was a question as to whether or not the other dock ever got a permit.

Town Counsel has been contacted to see if the Town owns or has rights to the land and land that is underwater. The Commission believes that the State would have jurisdiction for anything that is in the water.

**Map 9 Lot 39**

Mr. Lovell provided an update on a parcel that is owed by the Commission. The Commission/Town has access to the land by way of the dirt road, which is an easement for others. Mr. Wilkinson said that there is a very wide area in order to park on Conservation land. The Commission doesn't have access to the water but does have its own waterfrontage which has a lot of vegetation.

It is believed that the person who lives at the end of the easement put up the signs that limits access. The Commission can remove the signs if it wants to do so.

**Tea Library**

Mr. Lovell explained that he had been a speaker at an event and was made aware that there was vandalism taking place on the trails. ATVs are traveling on the Fire Road near Lexington. Signs have been pulled down. The signs may have to be placed higher on the trees. Where the trail markers have been removed or broken, the trees will be painted instead of replacing the markers. Mr. Wilkinson will check with the Cohen family to make sure that it is okay with them.

**Maps**

Paper maps are taken right away. More signs will be placed along the trails indicating “you are here”. Mr. Wilkinson identified the trailheads that will require signage. He also provided information concerning the research that he had done on the WWII crash site. Yellow ribbons have been temporarily placed around the trail to identify a possible path. He recommends that the members go and walk the proposed trail.

#### **Election of Officers**

**Mr. Wilkinson made a motion to nominate Mr. Lovell as the Chairman, the motion was seconded. Vote 8-0-1 (Mr. Lovell abstained).**

**Mr. Wilkinson made a motion to nominate Mr. Treat as the Vice-Chairman, the motion was seconded. Vote 8-0-1 (Mr. Treat abstained)**

**Mr. Lovell made a motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting ended at approximately 7:40 PM

The Commission entered into a Non-Public session under RSA 91A:3 (d) land purchase

Next meeting 5/17/2023

Respectfully Submitted, Sally Theriault, Recording Secretary