

Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes of
1/18/23

PRESENT: Tim Lovell, Erin O'Neill, Neil Lynch, Karen Cozzens, Steve Ungerer, Neil Reardon and Jim Wilkinson.

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

Minutes: Mr. Lovell made motion to accept the minutes of 11/16/22. The motion was seconded, Vote: 6-1 (Mr. Lynch abstains) Motion passes. No meeting was held in December.

Priscilla Lindquist, Friend to Conservation

Mr. Lovell announced that Priscilla Lindquist passed away and wanted to acknowledge her support of conservation and the Conservation Commission.

Invasive Plant Control

Mr. Lynch said that he would like to consider alternatives to put on the table and mentioned the use of goats for invasive plants. The Commission needs to consider where the herbicides go in the long-term. Mr. Lovell said that he has already contracted with a company this year. He is hopeful that last year's treatment worked. Ms. Cozzens said that the burning bush could be controlled but she doesn't think that it could be eradicated. The plant came from Japan and it is invasive. Mr. Lovell said that the Commission went with the targeted method to remove the burning bush after the spraying method didn't work.

Moonlight Walk 2/4

Mid-February might be a good time to have the moonlight walk. Ms. O'Neill will speak with Mr. Ebner about when the moon will be out. She will check Friday and Saturday nights in February and March.

Review HCC Report

The annual report drafted by Mr. Lovell was approved.

Other items

The Town Forum will take place on Jan. 21st from 11-1 at the Library.

A site walk will be conducted at Cameron Commons to see how wet the area is. The septic systems may be in the water table. The pits were dug in August during a drought. A request has been made to redo the wetland delineation.

Ms. O'Neill would like to do a story walk trail this coming summer. She will need to buy books, copy and the laminate pages. The Commission was supportive of the project. She also mentioned pamphlets being provided regarding outside activities.

It appears that there might be 4 wheelers on conservation land in Plaistow. Plaistow will be advised. There was also a discussion on dogs at large.

Mr. Wilkinson mentioned an upcoming hike. More information can be found on Sunset Lake Association's Facebook page.

The recent rain has created runoff at the main West Road parking area.

The meeting ended at approximately 7:45 PM

Next meeting 2/15/2023

Respectfully Submitted, Sally Theriault, Recording Secretary