

Conservation Commission Meeting
Sharon Community Center
June 16, 2016 - DRAFT

Peg Arguimbau, Chair, Keevin Geller, Linda Orel, Alan Westman were the members present. Stephen Cremer and Meredith Avery were not present, The Conservation Administrator, Greg Meister, was also present.

A sign-in sheet is on file in the office listing other attendees of the meeting.

Meeting started at 8:05pm

7:45pm – Follow up: Adopt a Trail, Kurt Buermann

Kurt Buermann, President of the Friends of Conservation (Friends) was present to follow up on initial conversation with Commission members on the Adopt A Trail Project. He passed around a document prepared by the Friends which will be distributed to volunteers. Buermann explained to the Commission that for major tree removal, the Friends will rely on the DPW and on Meister. For smaller brush removal the Friends have tools volunteers can use. The Friends will utilize a spreadsheet to keep track of their volunteers, any comments made, and what trails/or portions of trails are being “adopted”. D. Arguimbau will work with Buermann and review “how to trim” a trail. When volunteers sign up, D. Arguimbau may provide some training, though the Friends are looking into producing a training booklet for their volunteers in which what is and is not allowed will be included.

It is thought that the volunteers will be called Trail Wardens or Trail Stewards.

Buermann will be the point person for the project. The program will be revisited after a year. The Commission should be mentioned on literature.

Vouchers

Vouchers were signed by members.

Certificate of Compliance

Members signed certificate of compliances for 5 & 7 Horizons Road

Meeting Minutes of June 2, 2016

- Page 1, At 8pm. At end of paragraph, remove ‘a roadway’.
- Page 1. Remove the following sentence: ‘Arguimbau further stated that if there were a fire, then a fire truck would be allowed access, however, if the emergency was of a personal nature, then vehicular access would not be allowed’.
- Page 2, paragraph 2. Correct on-motorized to non-motorized.
- Page 2, paragraph 1. At: as well as Sharon, delete the word Sharon

Motion to accept meeting minutes as amended
Geller, Orel 4-0-0

8:15pm Violation: 6 Tamworth

Meister received a call about possible clearing at 6 Tamworth. He visited the site and noticed that there was clearing up to the wetland line. At another section of the property, there was disturbance about 50 feet from the wetland line where the area was clear-cut. An Enforcement Order was prepared by Meister which was left on the house door and a copy was left on the bobcat. The property owner contacted Mesiter and agreed that he would have a restoration plan prepared as well as determine the wetland delineation line. According to Meister, it did not seem as if many trees were removed. Replacement may consist of trees and shrubs. John Rockwood will be hired and oversee restoration.

Meister informed property owner that if he would like, he could file a 'Request for Determination (RDA)' for work to be done on the property. No work at the site will be allowed until an RDA is filed and a meeting is held. Hearing scheduled for July 14th.

Lake Update

As of yesterday, the level of the lake was a bit over 10.4". For this time of year, the lake is still pretty high. The weather has been cool, so there has not been much water going out. The temperature of the lake during the morning was at 72 degrees, and a bit higher later in afternoon.

Hammershop Pond

The level of the water in Hammershop is going down. Bids for restoration have gone out.

Next Commission meeting is scheduled for July 14.

Discussion Items:

Spectra letter. Add on list of those who will be cc'd.

Question was raised about including the Board of Selectman on letter to be sent. They may have been included on letter sent by Turkington. Meister will follow-up with Turkington.

Motion to adjourn.

Westman, Geller 4-0-0 (motion passed)

Meeting adjourned at 8.35pm