

## Freeport Conservation Commission

Date: 10-13-2020

Time: 6:00pm @ Freeport Community Service building

Attendees: Ryan Burke, John Stroud, Matt McLaughlin, Mark Morrissey, Anna Cudmore

Absent: Ben Shepard

1. Approve the minutes.
  - a. Matt McLaughlin made a motion to approve. Ryan Burke seconded.
  - b. Unanimously approved
2. New member introductions
  - a. Mark Morrissey.
  - b. John Stroud
  - c. Anna Cudmore
3. Commission background
  - a. Manage the 5 properties: Hedgehog Mt, Florida Lake, Soule Park, Quarry Woods and Hidden Pond
  - b. Budget for mowing, materials, educational services
  - c. Conservation trust does have easements on Hidden Pond, Quarry Woods and Soule Park
4. Town field day update. Happening 10/15/20 at Hedgehog in coordination with Town. All welcome to join
5. Kiosk Update. Quarry Woods mostly completed, Hidden Pond has new map and plexiglass.
6. Hedgehog Mountain sign update.
  - a. Close to completion. Funds already approved. Myself, Guy Blanchard and Mike Stumbo met rep Caleb from Bruns Bros at the summit of Hedgehog on 10/3. Came up with final plan to design and install.
7. Assigned properties to new members. Urged new members to walk their properties. Will send out management plans.
  - a. Mark Morrissey – Hedgehog
  - b. Anna Cudmore – Florida Lake
  - c. John Stroud – Quarry Woods
8. Budget update. Given \$5400 from the town this year. \$3000 for mowing, \$900 for education and \$1500 for materials. Will send up updated budget via email with spending to date.
9. Discussion of FCC online presence. Can we get our own FB page? Or coordinate events with Friends of Freeport (council member Tawni Whitney actively involved in this page)
10. Other volunteering efforts in the past, future. Boy scouts, Rotary. Anna takes courses at SMCC horticulture and those students always need projects
11. Quarry Woods parking to be explored
12. Hunting question answered. Although in the management plans approved by the town, never passed by Town ordinance. Therefore unenforceable. Need to update signs?

Meeting adjourned