Conservation Commission Minutes

Date: 4-13-2021

Time: 6:30pm

Attendees: Matt McLaughlin, Mark Morrissey, Ryan Burke, Ben Shepard, Catherine Carroll

Absent: John Stroud, Anna Cudmore

* Approve March minutes
  + Matt McLaughlin made motion
  + Mark Morrissey seconded
  + Approved unanimously
* Property Updates
  + Hedgehog Mountain
    - Toner family (Mary Fields) would like to help make improvements to Hedgehog Mountain
      * Ideas to improve property
        + New sign at end of Transfer Station Road
        + More parking
        + New bench at top of mountain
      * Mary Fields to get quotes and present these to the Commission
  + Florida Lake
    - No updates
  + Hidden Pond
    - Public Works help with kiosk
      * Earl Gibbon offered to help replace the kiosk damaged during the winter from plowing
      * Commission will take Earl Gibson up on the offer, so Ben Shepard will respond back to him
    - Next meeting should be at Hidden Pond
      * Conservation Commission’s next meeting will be at Hidden Pond on 4/18 at 8am to spread chips and review property needs
      * Ben Shepard to send location of Hidden Pond location to the Commission before 4/18
    - Beavers are active and the pond level is high
    - There has been a trespass on the back end of Hidden Pond and Matt McLaughlin took up this issue with the trespasser
      * They caused ruts on the back end of the property
  + Quarry Woods
    - Ryan Burke sent an email to Peter Joseph to ask about putting in parking on Lower Mast Landing Road for the property
  + Soule Park
    - Ryan Burke has a $5800 quote for just the plants for the re-planting
    - Town staff is involved with developing a solution
* 2021-2022 Budget
  + Ben Shepard described a budget spreadsheet he developed
  + Budget was submitted to the Town in March
* Town Council Workshop
  + Hedgehog Mountain
    - Hunter Road Commission wants to expand parking into the Hedgehog property
      * Need to have discussion with Hunter Road Commission
        + Have them attend at the next meeting?

Ryan Burke to coordinate

Can also discuss Dog Park at the next meeting

* Visit Freeport Maine Website
  + A Freeport Conservation Commission page has been set up
  + Conservation Commission needs to supply pictures for each property to have on the website
* Adjourn
  + Matt McLaughlin made motion to adjourn
  + Mark Morrissey seconded
  + Adjourn approved unanimously