Freeport Conservation Commission

Date: 6-8-2021

Time: 6:00pm

Attendees: Ben Shepard, Matt McLaughlin, Geralyn Campanelli, Thomas McLaughlin, John Stroud, Catherine Carroll

Absent: Anna Cudmore, Mark Morrissey

Meeting held at Hidden Pond on Grant Road

1. Catherine Carroll was nominated as acting chair with Ryan Burke’s absence
   1. Catherine Carroll made motion, Matt McLaughlin seconded
   2. Approved unanimously
   3. Catherine Carroll started the meeting
2. Approve minutes from May meeting
   1. Ben Shepard made a spelling correction identified by Catherine Carroll,
   2. John Stroud made motion to approve, Matt McLaughlin seconded
   3. Minutes approved unanimously
3. Ryan Burke arrived and took over running the meeting
4. Budget update
   1. No updates for 2021-2022 budget
5. Gift updates
   1. Town approved the Toner family gift for Hedgehog Mountain
      1. Will include a new bench at the top of the mountain
      2. The sign at the end of the Transfer Station Road needs design work done and be presented at the Planning Board for approval
6. Hunter Fields Follow Up
   1. Ryan Burke reached out to Dan Piltch, Adam Bliss and John Egan
      1. The Hunter Road parking expansion is not approved yet, but now the Town Council is aware of the possible impacts to the Hedgehog Mountain property
7. Property updates
   1. Hidden Pond
      1. Still no info on the Town controlled property to the east of Hidden Pond along Grant Road,
         1. Still some more research needs to be done
      2. Kiosk materials have arrived
         1. Ben Shepard to work with Matt McLaughlin to get it constructed and installed
      3. Ben Shepard has a pamphlet to share with the group for the property
      4. Matt McLaughlin to reach out to Paul Seymore to mow Hidden Pond and Florida Lake
      5. Paul Seymore has offered to upgrade the “Pirate Path” with culverts
         1. There was some concern with needing a DEP permit given this path is in wetlands
   2. Quarry Woods
      1. John Stroud noticed an old camp fire, a blow down and trimming that needs to be done
   3. Florida Lake
      1. No updates
   4. Soule Park
      1. No updates
   5. Hedgehog Mountain
      1. No updates
8. Walk Hidden Pond
   1. Meeting proceeded to walk the new proposed path from Grant Road to the back of Hidden Pond
9. Next meeting: July 13, 2021