Conservation Commission Minutes

Date: 9-14-21

Time: 6:30pm

Attendees: Matt McLaughlin, Mark Morrissey, Ryan Burke, Anna Cudmore, John Stroud, Catherine Carroll, Dan Piltch

Absent: Ben Shepard

* Approve August Minutes
  + Mark Morrissey made motion to approved
  + John Stroud seconded
  + Minutes approved unanimously
* Commission Staffing Update
  + Matt has withdrawn his consideration for chair.
    - Mark volunteered to step down as a formal member but hopes to stay on as an associate
    - This is so that Ryan Burke can stay on
* Street Address Topic
  + Freeport Conservation Trust (FCT), using their easements on Quarry Woods and Hidden Pond, already gave them addresses.
    - Hidden Pond: 151 Grant Rd
    - Quarry Woods: 44 Lower Mast Landing Rd
  + If we want to give address to any other trail head, Louise in the assessors office could help.
* Maine Beer Company (MBC) update
  + MBC rejected our overture for any donation/fundraiser at the brewery. They only work with their approved non profits
  + MBC did state they’d be more than willing to volunteer for trail work
    - Discussed reaching out to Mast Landing Brewing or Brickyard Hollow Brewing for other nights to benefit Conservation Commission. Would need to know how we can use the funds if such an event happened?
* Property Updates
  + Hedgehog Mountain
    - Bench still pending, sign design pending. New drainage will effect plan for stone wall work.
  + Florida Lake
    - Ben Shepard made motion (remotely) which John Stroud made formally, to buy supplies. Total was approximately $1431. The group discussed and realized that would be almost all of our supplies budget of $1500. Mark Morrisey advised he could get large boards for free. We voted conditionally to approve Ben’s motion if Mark could not get the wood.
  + Hidden Pond
    - * Kiosk is up. Needs to be shingled soon.
      * Matt mowed a few times with his mower.
  + Quarry Woods
    - Anna Cudmore walked it and did some trimming. In good shape now.
    - John Stroud revisited the potential parking situation on Lower Mast Landing. He drew up plans previously for a few spaces to the left of the trailhead. Will follow up with the town to see what next steps would be.
  + Soule Park
    - Ryan Burke reached out to Peter Joseph to see if any progress with school/neighborhood regarding planting. Peter advised school and town lawyers are talking. Planting will have to be next Spring, 2022.
* Miscellaneous
  + New England Mountain Bike Association (NEMBA) follow up. Ryan Burke spoke with Peter Joseph about their no show in August. Peter advised they likely got busy with summer. Trail proposal will go from Bradbury to Hedgehog, with NEMBA providing trail work/maintenance.
  + Dan Piltch asked about a dog park. We advised it has come up often, but is really outside our scope of duties/powers. There would need to be a lot of buy ins from other town boards etc.
* Adjourn
  + John Stroud made motion to adjourn
  + Matt McLaughlin seconded
  + Adjourn unanimously approved