

## Conservation Commission Minutes

Date: 8-10-2021

Time: 6:30pm

Attendees: Matt McLaughlin, Mark Morrissey, Ryan Burke, Ben Shepard, Anna Cudmore, John Stroud, Catherine Carroll

Absent: None

- Approve June Minutes
  - Mark Morrissey made motion to approved
  - John Stroud seconded
  - Minutes approved unanimously
- New England Mountain Bike Association
  - Ryan Burke was approached by the Town Council to have this group present to the Commission about connecting Hedgehog Mountain to Bradbury Mountain State Park
  - Group didn't show up to present anything
  - Ryan Burke will reach out again to the Association to see if they want to present
  - Matt McLaughlin nominated himself
  - Ben Shepard seconded
  - Approved unanimously
- Commission Staffing Update
  - Ryan Burke's term will end in October 1
    - New member to replace Ryan Burke will be Margaret Gerber
- Officer Elections
  - Chairman
    - Matt McLaughlin nominated himself
    - Ben Shepard seconded
    - Approved unanimously
  - Secretary
    - Ryan Burke made motion to have Ben Shepard continue serving
    - John Stroud seconded
    - Approved unanimously
  - Treasurer
    - Catherine Carroll made motion for Anna Cudmore to be treasurer
    - John Stroud seconded
    - Approved unanimously
- Budget for 2021-2022
  - Approximately \$7,000
    - \$3,000 for mowing
    - \$2,500 for public education
    - \$1,500 for supplies
- Dan Piltch reached out to Ryan Burke

- Freeport Conservation Trust (FCT) wants to assign street addresses to trailheads in case of emergencies
- Ben Niles is the person from the FCT looking into this, so Ryan Burke will follow up on this
  - Ryan Burke made motion to continue this discussion
  - Mark Morrissey seconded
  - Approved unanimously
- Florida Lake Management Plan
  - Ryan Burke asked Dan Piltch about getting this approved by the Town Council
  - Dan Piltch didn't see a need for the Town Council to approve since this is not a requirement in the Conservation Commission Ordinance
- Town Volunteer Day on August 18 was cancelled
- Property Updates
  - Hedgehog Mountain
    - No updates
  - Florida Lake
    - Ben Shepard did some trimming and has installed about half the lumber on the Blue Trail that was bought earlier in the summer
    - Ben Shepard will review additional material needs to continue work at Florida Lake
    - Catherine Carroll to work on picking up trash she sees along the trails
  - Hidden Pond
    - Matt McLaughlin and Ben Shepard will work on the new kiosk during Labor Day Weekend
    - People can meet at Matt's house on September 4 at 8am to help
      - Need help hauling materials, digging holes and removing old kiosk
  - Quarry Woods
    - John Stroud did some trimming along the trails
    - Will be one of the properties to be on the FCT's Trail Challenge
    - Ryan Burke to reach out to FCT to see if any preparation work needs to be done
  - Soule Park
    - No updates
- Adjourn
  - Ben Shepard made motion to adjourn
  - Matt McLaughlin seconded
  - Adjourn unanimously approved