

Freeport Conservation Commission Meeting

Date: 3-13-2021

Time: 8:00am

Meeting held on site at Hedgehog Mountain and Hunter Road fields

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

Absent: Mark Morrissey

1. Approve minutes of February meeting
 1. Ben Shepard made motion to approve, Matt McLaughlin seconded
 2. Minutes approved unanimously
2. Ken Toner Hedgehog Gift Update
 1. Ken Toner passed away
 2. Toner family wants to start a Hedgehog Fund
 3. Ryan Burke to follow up with Toner's and Peter Joseph on path forward to establish a Fund
3. VisitFreeport.com
 1. Freeport Conservation Trust has their trails on the website, but none of the Freeport Conservation Commission properties are on the website
4. Florida Lake Brochure
 1. Ben Shepard to reach out to Johanna Hanselman to get the brochure he made for Florida Lake on the Town website
 2. Also want to get the brochure on the Visit Freeport website
5. March Town Council Meeting
 1. To be held on March 23 via Zoom
 2. Ryan Burke to circulate talking points before the meeting
6. Property Update
 1. Florida Park
 1. Catherine Carroll to be co-steward of Florida Lake with Ben Shepard
 2. Ben Shepard staged some more materials at Florida Lake recently to make more bridges
 2. Quarry Woods
 1. Anna Cudmore to be co-steward with John Stroud
 2. Ben Shepard built another bridge last week on the orange loop trail
 3. Idea to establish a parking area on Lower Mast Landing Road discussed
 3. Hidden Pond
 1. Mulch has been placed there by the Town

2. Conservation Commission will establish date to spread the mulch, install a no snowmobile sign to keep snowmobiles off the pond and explore way to get to back of the property with a trail
4. Soule Park
 1. Peter Joseph and Ryan Burke caught up the other day about the replanting
 2. Ryan Burke reached out to nurseries for replanting, then will share a quote with Peter Joseph
5. Hedgehog Mountain
 1. Some people have rights of ways over Hedgehog property, which explains vehicles observed on property recently
7. Dog Park Discussion
 1. Conservation Commission walked the Hedgehog and Hunter Road Fields properties to review possible sites for a dog park. Three possible sites are shown below:



8. Hedgehog Mountain Burl
 1. Conservation Commission walked to the burl and discussed if it should be harvested by an interested Freeport resident for use to make a tabletop
 2. John Stroud made motion to deny having the burl harvested, Matt McLaughlin seconded

3. Harvesting of burl denied unanimously
9. Adjourn
 1. Conservation Commission finished site walk and adjourned

Next meeting April 13, 2021 at Freeport Community Services