Freeport Conservation Commission

Minutes for June 13, 2023

6:30pm – Freeport Community Services

Members in Attendance: Margaret Gerber, Ben Shepard, Ryan Burke, John Stroud, Catherine Carroll, Matt McLaughlin

Members not in Attendance: Anna Cudmore

1. Approve minutes from May meeting
   1. Ben Shepard made a motion to approve the minutes
   2. Catherine Carroll made a second
   3. May minutes were unanimously approved
2. Budget Discussion / Hedgehog funds
   1. For the 2022-2023 budget, there is about $4,000 left to spend
      1. Ben Shepard is struggling with beavers still flooding Florida Lake
         1. Ben Shepard figures $500 worth of bridging material can mitigate any issues the beavers cause with flooding the Orange Trail
            1. The Orange Trail is constantly flooded
      2. At Hedgehog, Margaret Gerber suggested getting stone and gravel to harden the trails leading to the summit, buying some blue blazes and property edge signage
      3. Ben Shepard made a motion to spend the remaining 2022-2023 funds as follows:
         1. $750 for Florida Lake
         2. Remainder for Hedgehog, to prioritize signage and gravel
            1. Whatever is left over for funding to be used for bridging materials
         3. John Stroud seconded the motion
         4. Motion approved unanimously
3. Property updates
   1. Florida Lake
      1. Ben Shepard replaced a damaged culvert
      2. Freeport Conservation Trust volunteers have been spreading stone at Florida Lake
   2. Hedgehog Mountain
      1. No word from high school students who wanted to install signage at a kiosk
   3. Soule Park
      1. No updates
   4. Hidden Pond
      1. Matt McLaughlin mowed there and cleared up some blowdowns
      2. Matt McLaughlin to request from Public Works some wood chips to spread
   5. Quarry Woods
      1. No updates
4. Adjourn
   1. Ben Shepard made a motion to adjourn
   2. Matt McLaughlin seconded the motion
   3. Adjourn approved unanimously

Next meeting: To-be-determined work day at Hedgehog Mountain