

Freeport Conservation Commission

Date: 3-10-2020 (Revised 3/16/2020)

Time: 6:30pm

Attendees: Ben Shepard, Ryan Burke, Matthew McLaughlin, Mike Stumbo, Guy Blanchard (arrived at 6:50pm)

Absent: Teresa Oleksiw

- Approve minutes from February Meeting
 - Ben Shepard made a motion to approve the minutes
 - Matthew McLaughlin seconded
 - Minutes approved unanimously
- Warren Gerow Hedgehog land donation presentation
 - Warren Gerow bought some land next to Hedgehog Mountain off the Pownal Road to develop a subdivision
 - Guy Blanchard recused himself from the discussion due to being a member of the Project Review Board, and was not present during the discussion of the Warren Gerow Hedgehog land donation
 - Land to be subdivided into 6 lots
 - Needs to set aside 50% or more of the subdivision as open space
 - Some current trails at Hedgehog Mountain are already on this property
 - Project Review Board meeting will be next week for the subdivision
 - Ryan Burke made a motion to make a recommendation to the Town to accept the donation of the property
 - Ben Shepard seconded
 - Recommendation approved unanimously
- Budget Follow Up
 - Budget submitted by Ryan Burke to the Town
 - \$3000 for mowing at Florida Lake and Hidden Pond
 - \$300 for public education
 - \$1500 for materials to build bridging at Quarry Woods and Florida Lake
- Maine Forestry's Project Canopy discussion

- The Town sent out a communication to the Conservation Commission about getting rid of diseased trees on Main Street, and over time adding canopy as well
- This project is outside the scope of the Conservation Commission to be involved in
 - There are no Conservation Commission properties in the area of this work
 - Ryan Burke to respond back to the Town
- Town Wellness volunteer day discussion
 - Town reached out regarding an Outdoor Volunteer Day,
 - Can the Conservation Commission propose a project?
 - Work can be done at Florida Lake and/or Quarry Woods to build bridging
 - Ryan Burke to talk to the Town Wellness Committee about this in April
 - Need to determine a date for the volunteer day
- Other property updates
 - Soule Park
 - The Conservation Commission had approved via email between the February and March meetings to allow the French School to trap trees there for sap
 - Ryan Burke to discuss with Peter Joseph about replacing plantings removed in 2019 by the French School
 - Florida Lake
 - Ben Shepard to work on using up remaining bridging materials in the coming weeks
 - Enough materials at Florida Lake to build about 3 or 4 bridges
 - Quarry Woods
 - Have about \$1000 left in budget
 - Could be put toward a kiosk on the Lower Mast Landing Road
 - Ben Shepard came up with a cost estimate of about \$900 to \$1000 for trail kiosk materials
 - Ben Shepard and Ryan Burke to reach out to local Boy Scouts to see if they are interested in building a trail kiosk
 - Signage installed on two trails at Quarry Woods with trail blazers that Ben Shepard received in the mail
 - Work done on March 6

- Hidden Pond
 - Remainder of 2019 invoices for mowing submitted
 - Some mention along Grant Road to get a snowmobile trail established across Hidden Pond, going north across Grant Road to link up with the current trail that crosses Route 125 by Dougherty's
- Ben Shepard to send to the Freeport Conservation Trust KMZ file of the Quarry Woods and Florida Lake trails to ensure they have the information to update trail maps on their website.
- Adjourn
 - Ben Shepard made a motion to adjourn
 - Matthew McLaughlin seconded
 - Meeting adjourned unanimously