

## Freeport Conservation Commission

Date: 1-14-2020

Time: 6:30pm

Attendees: Ben Shepard, Ryan Burke, Guy Blanchard, Mike Stumbo, Matthew McLaughlin, Dan Piltch

Absent: Teresa Oleksiw, Dimitra Voulgari

- Approve minutes from November Meeting
  - Mike Stumbo made a motion to approve, Guy Blanchard seconded,
  - Minutes approved unanimously.
- Discuss budget
  - Review of 2019-2020 budget
    - Ryan Burke to research remaining funds and provide information to Matt McLaughlin.
  - 2020-2021 Budget Needs:
    - Mowing at Hidden Pond and Florida Lake
      - Twice a year.
- Discuss Freeport Complete Street Policy
  - A report about complete streets was circulated to the Conservation Commission on 12/19/2019.
- Casco Bay Trail Alliance update
  - Ben Shepard volunteered to work on this,
  - It is an initiative to get an off road trail from Cousins River to Downtown Freeport,
  - A meeting is coming up about this,
    - January 27<sup>th</sup> at 4pm in town council chambers.
- Other property updates
  - Florida Lake
    - A work day was done in December with the Freeport Conservation Trust (FCT) and Rotary Club,
      - Several bog bridges were made.
    - A new trail map was put at the Route 125 kiosk.
    - 2020-2021 needs,
      - Finish using up materials bought in 2019
        - About 5 bog bridges can be built from these.
      - Public Works replacing a culvert and establishing a parking area on Baker Road,
        - Put in a kiosk at Baker Road.
      - Building 6 bog bridges in addition to what's left at Florida Lake now.
  - Hedgehog Mountain
    - Dog waste gets emptied by the Transfer Station,

- It is not technically their job.
  - The waste stations were supposed to be emptied through the Shellfish Commission.
  - Another conversation needs to be done with the Shellfish Commission to ensure the dog waste stations are emptied at Hedgehog Mountain and Florida Lake.
- A sign needs to be installed at Hedgehog Mountain that an area by the police gun range is used to dump carcasses,
  - Ben Shepard can cut the lock at the kiosk so Guy can install a new map and a sign about the gun range.
- New sign at the top of the mountain,
  - Guy showed a demo of a replacement sign that is less vulnerable to theft or vandalism,
    - Cost of \$1700 for a sign to be made for Hedgehog Mountain.
  - Mike recommended a metal sign be etched with the mountains in view so it will be even more theft resistant.
    - Guy to research this.
- Hidden Pond
  - FCT issued a report about the property and had some recommendations,
    - Establish trail from Grant Road to back of property,
    - Address possible encroachments,
    - Doing more bush hogging in the back of the property,
  - 2020-2021 needs:
    - More bush hogging,
      - Matt to contact Paul Seymour to see how much it will be cost.
    - Establish a trail from Grant Road to back of property,
    - Matt has worked on updating management plan,
      - Will coordinate with FCT on this.
  - Matt motioned he become steward of Hidden Pond,
    - Mike seconded,
    - Approved unanimously.
- Quarry Woods
  - Mulch was left off Lower Mast Landing in December,
    - The town removed it and put up a sign to discourage dumping.
  - 2020-2021 needs:
    - A kiosk on the Lower Mast Landing Road.
- Soule Park
  - Matt made a motion for Ryan to become steward of the property,
    - Ben seconded,
    - Approved unanimously.
- Meeting adjourned.