

## Freeport Conservation Commission

Date: 9-12-2020

Time: 8:00am

Attendees: Ben Shepard, Ryan Burke, Mike Stumbo, Guy Blanchard, John Stroud, Sean Jeffrey, Jen Guenette, Matt McLaughlin

Absent: None

1. Meeting held on site at Hidden Pond
2. Approve minutes from June Meeting
  - a. Guy Blanchard made motion to approve, Matt McLaughlin seconded
  - b. Unanimously approved
3. Property updates
  - a. Soule Park
    - i. No updates
  - b. Florida Lake
    - i. Ben Shepard fixed a bridge, started dismantling another decayed bridge
  - c. Hidden Pond
    - i. On this year's Freeport Conservation Trust Passport Challenge
    - ii. Ben Shepard wants to use an extra piece of Plexiglas from the Quarry Woods kiosk to fix the Hidden Pond kiosk
  - d. Hedgehog Mountain
    - i. Guy Blanchard researching metal sign for the top of the Mountain,
      1. Guy working to get the sign design finalized
      2. Cost for sign
        - a. \$800-\$900 total
          - i. Sign maker willing provide a discount if their name is on the sign
      3. Perhaps add mileage from Hedgehog to mountains on the sign, in miles and kilometers
        - a. Perhaps add elevations too
      4. Plan to install

- a. Take out existing posts, put in new steel posts, put Quikrete at the bottom of posts, and weld the posts to the sign
    - 5. Ben Shepard made motion to expend \$600 for sign, Matt McLaughlin seconded
      - a. Approved unanimously
  - e. Quarry Woods
    - i. Mike Stumbo helped Ben Shepard with installing the kiosk
      - 1. Ben and Mike to pick up an order of lumber in a week, as approved at the August meeting, which will have materials to finish kiosk
    - ii. Ryan Burke to finish letter to CMP to thank them for help on the kiosk
4. Town Trail Day
  - a. Trim back Hedgehog
    - i. Let people lose to trim back the trails
    - ii. Ryan Burke to coordinate with Joanna,
      - 1. It'll be a weekday in October, perhaps on Indigenous Peoples Day
5. Budget Review
  - a. Expenditures
    - i. About \$200 spent to date on the Quarry Woods Kiosk
  - b. \$900 budgeted for public education
  - c. \$1,500 budgeted for materials
  - d. Total 2020-2021 budget \$5,000
6. Maps for Quarry Woods and Hidden Pond
  - a. Caroline at the town can help generate a large size map
    - i. Ben Shepard to reach out to her
7. Adjourn
  - a. Meeting transitioned into site walk to Hidden Pond

Next meeting: October 13 at 6:30pm at the Freeport Community Services