Freeport Conservation Commission

Date: 11-12-2019

Time: 6:30pm

Attendees: Ben Shepard, Ryan Burke, Teresa Oleksiw, Guy Blanchard

Absent: Mike Stumbo, Dimitra Voulgari, Matthew McLaughlin

- Meeting called to order by Chair Ryan Burke,
- Approve minutes from the October meeting,
 - o Guy motioned, Ryan seconded
 - Minutes approved unanimously.
- Property updates:
 - o Florida Lake
 - Guy motioned that expense of \$69.36 is approved for spikes that Ben bought to finish bog bridges at Florida Lake,
 - Ryan seconded, expenses approved unanimously.
 - Trail work day on November 24th at 8am,
 - Ben has talked to Katrina from the FCT to promote.
 - Ben has posted on the Friends of Florida Lake Facebook page to promote, and circulated 50 flyers on Baker Road.
 - Soule Park
 - Trees were removed, stumps left in place,
 - In the spring, need to touch base with Peter Joseph on what the next steps are with the Park, and coordination with the French School and Friends of Soule Park.
 - Hedgehog Mountain
 - Guy contacted Tom Ross again about posting a new sign at the top of Hedgehog Mountain,
 - New sign will be a singular piece that will be bolted to the ground,
 - Next step to get a price to do this.
 - Guy is planning on hanging a map in the kiosk by the transfer station,
 - Lock needs to be removed on the kiosk because the key was lost.
 - o Hidden Pond
 - Main loop trail was mowed recently.
 - Quarry Woods
 - Theresa hiked Quarry Woods after the wind storms and saw no damage.
- Pamphlet for Significant Trees in Freeport,
 - Theresa proposed a pamphlet to provide an overview of different types of trees in Freeport ,
 - Theresa provided an example of a pamphlet from Brattleboro, VT,

- Theresa will discuss making the pamphlet with the FCT and Chamber of Commerce.
- Some members of the FCT went to a workshop about reading site plans and subdivision plans,
 - o Put on by GPCOG,
 - Is the Conservation Commission responsible for reviewing conservation property (open space) put aside for new subdivisions?
 - Guy to contact Caroline Pelletier to get the Conservation Commission members on the email list for the Site Plan Review and Planning Board agendas to have a chance to weigh in on new developments.
- Next Meeting,
 - o 1/14/2020, 6:30pm,
 - Review at the meeting making changes to the Freeport Conservation
 Commission ordinance, and review 2020-2021 budget.
- Motion to Adjourn
 - o Guy motioned, Theresa seconded,
 - Meeting adjourned.