

Freeport Conservation Commission

Date: 8-11-2020

Time: 6:30pm

Attendees: Ben Shepard, Ryan Burke, Mike Stumbo, Guy Blanchard

Absent: Matt McLaughlin

1. Approve minutes from June Meeting
 - a. Ben Shepard made motion to approve, Mike Stumbo seconded
 - b. Unanimously approved
2. Property updates
 - a. Soule Park
 - i. No replanting to occur until next year
 - ii. Still need to discuss with the French School coordinating the replanting
 - iii. Friends of Soule Park plans in the near future to put up a park sign
 - b. Florida Lake
 - i. Ben Shepard and Ryan Burke went on a guided walk of Florida Lake for a LL Bean event
 - ii. Little storm damage
 1. Just a few trees down
 - iii. Would like to purchase \$400 of materials to build bridges to replace some decayed ones on the trails
 1. Ben Shepard made motion to buy the materials, Guy Blanchard seconded
 2. Unanimously approved
 3. Mike offered to pick up the materials
 - iv. Florida Lake was mowed a few weeks ago
 - v. Ben Shepard bushwhacked a kayak launch based on some requests from users
 - c. Hidden Pond
 - i. A user had a concern about ruts on the trails, making them wet
 - ii. Next meeting will be at Hidden Pond to do a site walk
 - d. Hedgehog Mountain
 - i. Guy Blanchard walked recently

1. Thinks a trail day needs to occur in the fall to tackle some light trimming
 - a. Perhaps team with the Freeport Conservation Trust on a trail day
 - ii. There is a cut through trail that may need to be blocked as it isn't an official trail
 - iii. No motorized vehicles sign has been installed after a dirt bike was seen on the trails a few months ago
- e. Quarry Woods
 - i. No updates besides kiosk
3. Kiosk update
 - a. Under construction at Ben Shepard's house
 - i. Need help to transport to Quarry Woods, and assembling on site
 - ii. Perhaps ask for some local business help to auger the holes for the posts
 1. We will need to call in a Dig Safe
 - iii. Mike Stumbo can help transport the materials with a 9' trailer
 - iv. In September, perhaps work on organizing a volunteer day to assemble the kiosk at Quarry Woods
4. Adjourn
 - a. Ben Shepard made motion, Guy Blanchard seconded
 - b. Unanimously approved

Next meeting: September 12, 8:00am at Hidden Pond