

Chichester Conservation Commission Monthly Meeting
Minutes of Meeting June 12, 2023
Grange Hall

Present: Members Bob Mann, Blaze Konefal, Jeff Mayne, Zach Boyajian, Public: Ian Blackman, Tony Blackman

Call to Order at 6:30 pm.

Discussion with Ian and Tony (landowner's representatives) about the report from the Conservation Land Stewardship Program regarding their report covering a field visit on 3/29/23. The report noted "No Hunting without Permission" signs which are inconsistent with the terms of the conservation easement on the Redhall property, one of three easements on the Blackman property. (The Hermitage property is now owned by the Hoffmans.) The report also noted a flagpole with Scottish flag not referenced in the easement. They presented photographs which support the flagpole being at the site since at least 1910. They reported that hunters have hunted the land with permission in compliance with the signs, although hunting on the property has declined in recent years. They also stated their view that the wording of Section 4, paragraph B (page 4) of the easement allows the town discretion in allowing the signs for public safety. After some discussion, the Commission agreed to respond to the state report supporting the discretionary wording of the signs.

Minutes of 5/8/23 were approved with minor edits.

Mailbag - Statement from the Town Treasurer shows errors which Blaze will discuss with the Treasurer. Sum committed to VVCA is \$178,000..

Public Outreach – Updating of the CCC web page is needed. Zach has forwarded NRI materials to Jodi for posting.

Land Conservation – Dan Humphrey and the Mandriolis have agreed on deed changes to resolve title problems. Closing on the town's easement with Dan may be possible in the next few weeks.

Carpenter Park – Parks and Rec Committee has had discussions with the Selectmen about Park scheduling and administration.

Madeline Sanborn Conservation Area – Frank Harrison has agreed to mow the footpaths about monthly. Bob did some cleanup on fallen branches from the pines near the pony pond.

Other – Jeff and Bob attended the 6/5/23 presentation of the draft regional conservation plan being prepared by Five Rivers Conservation Trust. Jeff explained the approach they are taking and expressed hope that detailed data collected for this project will be useful to the Town.

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairmen will be held at the July 10 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Next Monthly Meeting: Monday, July 10, 2023, 6:30 PM.

Minutes by R Mann

Approved:

