

CHICHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting MINUTES
April 10, 2023

1. *Present: Zack Boyagian, Jeff Mayne, Blaze Konefal, Dawn Marshall*
2. *Call to order: 6:36PM,*
3. *Review/approval of minutes of previous meetings* – The February minutes were approved with the addition of the names of those present. The March minutes were also approved.
4. *Mail review* – We received a copy of a Regional Conservation Planning Workshop sponsored by Five Rivers Conservation Trust on Monday, June 5 from 6-8PM at the City Wide Community Center in Concord
5. *Treasurer's Report:* no report
6. *Deer Meadow Pond-* Three visitors came to the meeting: Kim Gillis, Chuck Scheys, and Frankie Scheys. They are all Chichester residents and property owners on Deer Meadow Pond and support continuing the milfoil treatment started and paid for in 2021 by the state. They had written a history of the milfoil treatment project which they handed out. A next round of treatment needs to be a match between the towns of Epsom and Chichester. Amy Smagula, who is in charge for the state, has to reassess the status of the milfoil in the pond by June as bids are due in the fall for further treatment next summer. Chichester CCC approved paying for the Chichester portion of treatment, estimated at \$1026 and noted in the January 2022 CCC minutes, contingent on the town of Epsom paying their portion. The Epsom CCC has recently approved \$3,700 for their portion of the cost. Much discussion ensued about different ways of measuring the pond and therefore how the town portions of the cost were assessed. Mr. Scheys had been involved in the original notification to the state of the milfoil and its subsequent first treatment. He stated that there has been a very significant decline in the milfoil since the treatment but it is still in the area where the water was very low when the first treatment was done. The visitors said all residents near the pond have been spoken to about the milfoil treatments. Ms. Gillis and the Scheys hope there can be a sign or kiosk put up in the future to increase knowledge of the pond as a resource in the town. All members present were in support of moving forward with the steps to work towards a second milfoil treatment. Amy Smagula will be notified that we still support the project.
7. *Land conservation* –
 - The NH Regional Planning Commission will be coming to our May meeting to discuss the trail from the school to the library. Chichester resident Richard Moore is still interested in this project.
 - Nothing new to report on the legal work for VVCA.
 - The trail is very wet, as is typical in the spring. There is still plenty of wood and gravel on site for future work.

8. *Easement walk*- Blaze and two L-chip staff walked the Drinan, Blackman, and MSCA easements. The owner of the Drinan easement joined that walk. The L-Chip staff noted that there were No Hunting signs on the property.
9. *Madeline Sanborn C. A.* - There were funds approved at the town meeting to pave the back of the Grange Hall parking lot, Work on the trail-head behind the Grange can be done after that work is finished.
10. *Town trail map* – Zack reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee will work on consolidating a town trail map.
11.
Meeting adjourned at: 8:08PM
Next Meeting: May 8, 6:30PM

Minutes prepared by D. Marshall

Approved:

Robert Warner