## CHICHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION Meeting MINUTES December 11, 2023

Present: Bob Mann, Zack Boyajian, Gordon Jones, Blaze Konefal, Dawn Marshall

Call to order: 6:40PM

Review/approval of minutes of November 13, 2023 meeting – The November minutes were approved unanimously.

Valley View Conservation Easement: Bob Mann provided an update on the status of the pending Conservation Easement including waiting on final lawyer review of the easement language and closing costs, to set closing date, which is expected late December or January 2024.

Mail review: Included report from Town Treasurer and TD Bank statements for certificate of deposits for the Conservation Fund and Shirley Waters portion of the fund. All was in order.

Deer Meadow Pond: Bids for the milfoil treatment are due to the Department of Environmental Services by December 15. Once the bids have been received and reviewed potential cost to the town will be known and a vote to approve expenditures can be discussed and acted on.

Connecting Shirley Waters Conservation Area and Drinon Easement with foot path: Bob Mann reported that he was unable to schedule a site visit with the adjacent land owner, but will keep trying.

Madeline Sanborn Conservation Area: The commission discussed rehabilitation of the trail behind the Grange Hall. Both the area immediately adjacent to the parking lot and the bog bridges at the wetland crossing need work. The trail near the parking lot needs work resulting from storm water run off from the parking lot being focused on the trail entrance. The bog bridges are old and starting to decay. Zack Boyajian estimated about 90 feet of bog bridge replacement to ensure full coverage when high water exists like this fall.

Review of Goals and Projects: Zack Boyajian made some suggestions regarding the Commission agenda. Bob Mann suggested a review of goals and project in January to help set our agendas for the coming year. All agreed to discuss.

Next Meeting: January 8, 6:30PM at the Grange Hall. The location of the meeting was discussed given that the heat was not presently working. Could the Selectman's conference room be used. Zack will ask at next selectman's meeting.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:54PM

Minutes prepared by Z. Boyajian Approved 1/8/2024

Minutes are not Approved until signed.