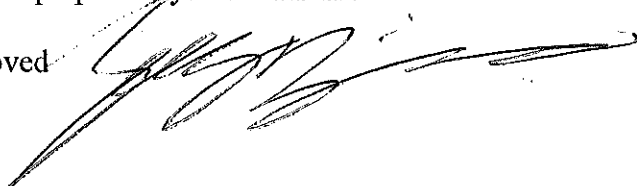


CHICHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting MINUTES
January 8, 2024

1. *Call to order:* 7:00PM
2. *Present-* Bob Mann, Zack Boyajian, Blaze Konefal, Dawn Marshall,
Jeff Mayne
3. *Review/approval of minutes of previous meetings* – December 11, 2023 minutes were approved with changes.
4. *Mail review* – TD bank statement: current balance: \$75,872.02, interest: \$304.86
5. *Budget* - The CD's came due and will be renewed this month. Zack submitted a 2024 budget proposal for \$1,100.
6. *Annual Report* – There was discussion about what to include in the annual report which is due by January 22nd. Zack will write this and email it to members for review.
7. *Valley View Conservation Easement* – The deed to the easement was signed by DES as the back up enforcer. The process is now in the lawyer's hands to set up the closing. Money for the escrow is set up after finalizing the budget and receiving the grant funds from DES and the Moose Plate grant (which should happen by April).
8. *Deer Meadow Pond* – Zack received correspondence from Amy Smagula at DES and Chuck Sheys representing the Deer Meadow Pond Association. No action is needed by us at this time. There was concern from commission members about whether there will be enough funding from the different sources to pay for a second milfoil treatment of the pond.
9. *Goals and Projects for 2024*
 - Focus on Outreach
 - Jeff plans to attend the Coverts training with a requirement of a 50 hour pay back. He will consider organizing a workshop in town lead by an outside expert from the UNH Extension as a possibility to reach out to the public.
 - New member outreach
 - New people could head up new projects in town that are of interest to them.
 - Walks on town properties led by Zack.
 - Family oriented walks
 - Bio blitzes of town properties
 - Blaze will speak with Fred Shaw about how the Historical Society uses Facebook to advertise their activities and link to area community pages
10. *Ongoing Projects that need completion*
 - Valley View – paper work and trail work completion
 - MSCA – trail rehabilitation behind the Grange Hall
 - *Meeting adjourned at:* 7:41pm
 - *Next Meeting:* February 12, 6:30pm

Minutes prepared by: D. Marshall

Approved



2/12/2024