

Chichester Conservation Commission
Zoom Meeting Minutes of January 4, 2021 6:30 PM

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In Attendance: Bob Mann, Zack Boyajian, Gordon Jones, Frank Harrison, Marianne DiTaranto, Blaze Konefal, Dawn Marshall and Non Voting Alternate: Gail Britton-Kojigian and Charles Kojigian.

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Bob Mann at 6:34 pm.
2. Review/approval of minutes for meeting of 12/7/20: After a brief discussion on the minutes, Bob made a motion to accept the minutes as written by Gail and edited by Bob. The motion passed with 6 in favor and 1 against.
3. Mail review: Received a letter from LCHIP inviting the CCC to participate in an informational session for the purpose of strengthening our position for future applications for funding. Bob Mann will take advantage of the offer.
4. Goals and Projects
 - a) Public outreach: Zack, Bob along with Tom Jamison had a meeting with the Regional Planning Commission on engaging members of the community on building and maintaining trails in Chichester. Frank explained the structure of the Concord Conservation Committee with both a Trails Sub Committee and Tree Sub Committee.
 - b) Land conservation: An appraisal of the Cayer Property was completed in December. There was a discussion on the discrepancy over the amount of acreage on the property listed as Lot 46. The rectification of the discrepancy may need to be settled prior to the purchase of the property. A survey will be needed with an estimated cost of plus or minus \$10,000. The owner of the property is not interested in sharing the cost of the survey. The committee must decide how to proceed in their efforts to protect land in the Lynx Field Pond Area. Zack will take the information acquired and propose a fair offer minus the cost of the survey.

Humphrey easement: We received a bill for \$800 from the surveyor for the plat survey showing the trail corridors. The surveyor will continue to adjust the plat survey according to our recent suggestions. Still on course for the remaining two grants. The total budget will be revised after the decisions from the grant agencies have been made.
 - c) Spaulding Town Forest: We have 2 quotes for the parking lot: The estimates were \$20,000 from Luke Stevens and \$27,000 from Dirt Doctors. We had discussed using either the Forest Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund or the Conservation Fund in the previous meeting and a decision was made to use the Conservation Fund with a public hearing. Zack verified with Barbara Richter of the NHACC that a public hearing is only necessary when a land purchase is involved. The public hearing will be scheduled and will be advertised to be held during the February meeting. The trails in the Spaulding Town Forest are being marked by Zack and spring work can be done with more volunteers to route as much of the trails as possible outside of the wetlands areas.
 - d) Carpenter Park: Zack will be visiting with the Town Road Agent to discuss usage of the areas near the Maintenance Shed.
 - e) Madeline Sanborn Conservation Area: Zack reviewed the forest management plan and found that control of invasive species was top priority. The plan also mentioned keeping several plots for beaver food near the pond, retaining white oaks and single selective tree cuttings for maintaining open areas. A professional assessment by Charlie Moreno the town forester may be needed to find the best management plan possible to help the existing trees increase in value while considering removing trees that would present a hazard. The assessment is not necessarily for economic gain as there are aesthetic characteristics we may wish to retain. Protective guards will be

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used to protect the large trees this winter while the management plan is finalized.

f) Easement stewardship: The files at the town office need maintaining and Bob will see what he can do. Bob researched and visited the 3.6 acre Whittemore Property along the Suncook River as a potential conservation property.

g) Conservation fund: Land use change tax for 2020 was listed at \$17,000.

h) NRI Update: Everything has been received and hopefully it is in a serviceable format for review.

i) 2021 budget: Our Budget is \$1300 which includes the mowing at the field.

j) Capital Improvement Program: NA

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm.

The next zoom meeting will be at 6:30 pm on February 1, 2021.

Zoom meeting hosted by Frank Harrison.

Minutes taken by Marianne DiTaranto.

