

Chichester Conservation Commission
Zoom Meeting Minutes March 1, 2021, 6:30 PM

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In Attendance: Robert Mann, Frank Harrison, Zack Boyajian, Blaze Konefal, Dawn Marshall, Marianne DiTaranto, Gail Britton-Kojigian, Charles Kojigian.

1. Call to order: By Bob Mann at 6:37 pm
2. Review/approval of minutes for the meeting of 2/1/21: The Public Minutes were approved with noted changes and all were in favor. The Non-Public Minutes were reviewed and approved. Bob motioned to seal the non-Public Minutes of 2/1/21, Zack seconded and all approved.
3. Mail review: A letter was received from 5 Rivers on Easements. Letter from NHFG on Trails for People and Wildlife. They have posted a webinar on Trail Maintenance and Wildlife that Bob will share with the membership. From the Town Treasurer: \$331,000 in the account. From F&G, a note arrived of the mowing the Shaw fields for wildlife. Annual Report of 5 Rivers including a note from the new executive Director Liz Short. And a letter from 5 Rivers Trust thanking us for our membership and donation. The Moose Plate program sent a plaque to be put up once we have a kiosk in place.
4. Goals and Projects
 - Public outreach: Zack has been working on acquiring or protecting properties near Lynxfield Pond for the purpose of providing a buffer for aquatic and wetland resources and protecting unique peatland with possible rare communities. There is more intrusive use as there is a new road cutting through from the north. In another area, land has been cleared and planted with grass. Zack has suggested in the future we use an official consistent bark blaze for conservation land and/or boundaries. On the Humphry easement, there will be a hearing at the Selectmen's meeting on March 16.
 - Land conservation: NA
 - Spaulding Town Forest: A.S.A.P. Enterprise has submitted a contract for the construction of a parking lot

up to the wetlands. The work will start in June. Work needs to be completed in the wetland area after the estimated completion date of October 1, 2021. Stringers and treads need to be placed and stabilized along a 60-foot corridor. We will schedule a workday at 9 am, on March 27 and invite Parks and Rec.

- Carpenter Park: N/A
- Madeline Sanborn Conservation Area: More wiring can be added on trees, wire fence needs to come down and some low branches can be cut, and downed branches can be picked up and moved. We may consider improving beaver habitat so that we can take pressure off the large trees. Gail and Charles have researched, observed and concluded that the beavers may be signaling through their actions that they might be getting ready to abandon the area. The town forester will be consulted before any altering of habitat occurs.
- Easement stewardship: As the snow cover retreats and weather improves, the owners will be notified, and easement walks will happen. The terms of easement need to be verified.
- Conservation fund: N/A
- NRI Update: We may need to review and add descriptions of important features including where the data came from to the new maps.
- 2021 budget: N/A
- Town Master Plan: The Town Master Plan Questions for the Conservation Commission were addressed, and responses were made to all comments. Some suggestions discussed were to include the importance of protecting and maintaining unfragmented high quality habitats and water resources in town.

5. Non-Public session - if needed: RSA 91-A:3 II (d) - Consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community.

- A Non-Public Session was not held at this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 pm.

The next Zoom meeting will be at 6:30 pm on April 5, 2021.

Zoom meeting hosted by Frank Harrison.

Draft Minutes taken by Marianne DiTaranto.

Approved:

