

Chichester Conservation Commission
Zoom Meeting Minutes of May 3rd, 2021 6:30 PM
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In Attendance: Bob Mann, Zack Boyajian, Frank Harrison, and voting alternates
Charles Kojigian and Gail Britton-Kojigian Guest: Amy Smagula from NHDES

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:32PM by Bob Mann

Bob introduced Amy Smagula, a fresh water biologist from the NH Department of Environmental Services. Amy spoke about the work that the State will do this summer to mitigate the milfoil infestation on Deer Meadow Pond. The State will treat 15 acres of the 21.2 acre pond with an herbicide called Procellacor. The State will pay 100% of the cost (aprox. \$1,400.00) for the initial treatment scheduled for July/Aug of 2021. The State will monitor the pond and Amy will email Bob the reports of these inspections. If subsequent treatments are required, both Epsom and Chichester will be expected to share the cost of future treatments.

2. Review/approval of minutes for the meeting of 04/05/2021. Bob moved that we review the minutes of 04/05/21 meeting. Charlie seconded the motion. No discussion. Minutes were approved as written by unanimous vote.

3. Mail Review: Treasurer's report of Conservation Fund.
Letter from Five Rivers Conservation Trust acknowledging receipt of notification of CCC's intent to construct a parking area at Spaulding Town Forest

4. Goal and Projects:

Land conservation: Zack reported that Bruce Cayer rejected the CCC's recent offer regarding the purchase of parcel (Map 6 Lot 46). Cayer stated that he is no longer interested in pursuing the issue with the CCC. Bob reported that the writing of the easement deed for the Valley View Conservation Area is still in process.

Zack is looking into some grants which might be available to help with kiosk, bridge construction, trail work etc. at the VVCA and Chichester Central School. The grants applications are due by mid June. Zack may need help pricing out materials for projects when filling out the grant applications.

Spaulding Town Forest: Bob and Mark Thomas did more work on the trails last week. The parking lot construction is scheduled to begin at the beginning of June.

Carpenter Park: Zack said that three adult soft ball teams have scheduled to use the park and Working Dogs will hold an event (open to the public) on Saturday June 5th from 11:00AM to 1:00PM.

MSCA/Shaw Pasture: Charlie & Gail wrapped about 15 more trees with chicken wire recently. There are more trees which could benefit from protection. Bob suggested a work day on Saturday May 22nd to continue wrapping trees, Charlie will pick up two rolls of wire for the 22nd so that two teams of 2 people will be able to work on tree wrapping. Gail and Charlie will continue to clean up the branches along the perimeter of the field. A discussion of parking options for the area resulted in a decision to have visitors park facing Main Street. Bob will arrange to have signs made and Frank will paint lines to indicate parking spaces.

Easement Stewardship: N/A

Other Business: Frank and Mark Thomas are designing a landscaping project to dress-up the main entrance to Carpenter Park. Plantings appropriate for dry conditions were discussed. Frank will keep us apprised of the project as it progresses.

At 8:15PM Bob moved that we adjourn. Frank seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Zoom meeting masterfully, hosted by Frank Harrison.

Draft Minutes taken by G. Britton-Kojigian and edited by Robert Mann

Next work day scheduled on May 22nd, 9:00AM at Shaw Pasture/MSCA.

Next Meeting: June 7th: location TBA

Approved: 