

Chichester Conservation Commission Monthly Meeting
Minutes of Meeting Dec 6th, 2021
Grange Hall, Selectmen's Office

Members: Bob Mann, Zack Boyajian, Charles Kojigian and voting alternate Gail Britton-Kojigian

Call to Order: 6:34pm

Mailbag: No mail

Minutes: Minutes for meeting of Nov1st, 2021 were reviewed. Bob moved to accept the minutes with edits, Zack seconded the motion all were in favor.

Public Outreach: Nothing to report.

Land conservation: Bob announced that the VVCA easement is now in the hands of Town Counsel and the edits have been reviewed. The easement will now prohibit the construction of any additional buildings. Zack is concerned that the easement focuses on forestry instead of agriculture. He has expressed these concerns in writing for the Town Counsel to review.

Town Forest: Recap of the Frank's work day event on November 6th which included the building of bog bridges, trail clearing and installation of posts for directional signs. The work was completed in record time thanks to the crew of young volunteer trail builders, who assisted Frank and another teacher from Concord High School and several CCC members. Work projects scheduled for spring include, making and installing signs to direct hikers on the loop trail and the building of one additional bog bridge.

Carpenter Park: Zack informed us that he has requested CIP funds to purchase a small tractor to be used to move heavy things around and for mowing of trails at both the park and Shaw Pasture.

Madeline Sanborn/Shaw Pasture: *Bob suggested that the CIP funds requested for a boardwalk might instead be used to try to secure an easement across private properties in order to connect a walking path near the Town Hall to Shaw Pasture. *Zack has spread wildflower seeds in Shaw Pasture to support pollinators.

Easement Stewardship: Bob reported that all but 2 easement inspections have been completed. He will schedule those walks in the near future and email all members details of the time and place to meet if anyone is interested in attending.

Conservation Fund: Bob has not yet asked that funds for the work at the Town Forest be taken from the Shirley Waters fund and will not do so until a name change for the area is agreed upon.

2022 Town Warrant: Select Board will review the CIPs at tomorrow's meeting. Zack submitted a CIP for grant money match for the VVCA & CCS trails to Jodi. The money will be used for work on cross-country trails, parking lot, bog bridges and a kiosk. Town and School District share would be 20% of the \$62,000 project cost. Zack will find out if it is necessary to file a warrant article in order to secure the grant match money.

Deer Meadow Pond milfoil: Zack spoke with Alison Parodi from Epsom ECC regarding the DES request for funds from each town to provide further monitoring and treatment of the milfoil.

Approximate cost to the towns would be \$1026.00 from Chichester and \$4374.00 from Epsom.

Other Business: Zack made a motion to authorize Bob to file intervenor status when the wetland permit application for DBU's project at their Dover Road site is filed. Charlie seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Adjournment: Charlie made a motion to adjourn. Zack seconded the motion and all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:56pm

Minutes by G Britton-Kojigian edited by B Mann

Approved:

