

Chichester Conservation Commission Monthly Meeting
Minutes of Meeting Feb 7, 2022
Grange Hall, Selectmen's Office

Members: Bob Mann, Zack Boyajian, Charles Kojigian, Dawn Marshall, Blaze Konefal and Voting Alternate Gail Britton-Kojigian

Call to Order: 6:36pm

Mailbag: No mail

Minutes: Minutes for meeting of Jan 3rd, 2022 were reviewed. Zack *made a motion to accept the minutes as written.* Blaze seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Public Outreach: None to report.

Land Conservation: Bob announced that the VVCA easement has been presented to Dan Humphrey and we are awaiting his comments/approval.

Town Forest: Charlie explained that he has been practicing making letters of various sizes to be used for the loop trail signs. There was a group discussion about Frank Harrison's offer to arrange another work day with the youth group volunteers. The group was in favor of accepting the offer. Zack will connect with Frank to work out the details of how and when we make the best use of their help.

Carpenter Park: Zack informed us that the Fire Department will be purchasing a new utility vehicle this year and that they have offered to give the Park's Department their old one. Zack mentioned the possibility of having volunteers re-roof the pavilion in order to preserve the maintenance fund money for other projects.

Madeline Sanborn/Shaw Pasture: Zack said that the Selectmen, in response to complains of unauthorized encroachment and filling of an area near Marsh Pond, have decided to continue the action of revoking the site plan at Great Meadow Campground, until they see positive steps on the part of the owner to rectify the situation.

Easement Stewardship: Bob recommended that in addition to monitoring the easement properties this year, we should also walk the other Town owned properties that are not under easement. Zack said that he will bring a list of those Town owned properties to the next meeting.

Conservation Fund: No change from last month. The fund totals approximately \$310,000. dollars, \$80,000 of which is earmarked for the VVCA easement.

2022 Town Warrant: A public hearing for the Town's proposed operating budget will be held Feb 8th, 6pm at the Fire Department.

Deer Meadow Pond: Epsom has not yet made a decision to fund of the second phase of the milfoil eradication on Deer Meadow Pond which DES began last year. Zack will contact someone from DES to find out if there are measures that volunteers could take to address the remaining milfoil, if Epsom decides not to fund the second phase of the project.

Other Business: Zack encouraged us to be on the lookout for the *small whorled pogonia*, an endangered woodland orchid. He said the efforts to protect this orchid may become an issue that comes before Planning Boards in the future.

Dawn made a motion to adjourn. Bob 2nd the motion. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Minutes by Gail Britton-Kojigian

Edited by Robert Mann

