

Chichester Conservation Commission  
Minutes of Meeting of August 3, 2020

Call to order at 6:05 pm by Bob Mann at the Carpenter Park picnic tables.

Members in Attendance: Bob Mann, Zack Boyajian, Frank Harrison, Gordon Jones, Charlie Kojigian

Approved minutes from July 6, 2020 meeting and July 16, 2020 special meeting.

Revised NRI Report

Zack finalized details with Jeff Littleton. The final product is complete and will be distributed via electronic link files archived on the town website server. Printed and laminated copies will be archived at the town offices. Vote to approve the final approved amount for services passed: 3 in favor, 1 abstain.

Land Conservation

Bob continues to communicate with managers of LCHIP and DES Groundwater Trust Fund to secure the best grant options for the proposed Valley View Conservation Area, a 27-acre parcel off Main Street currently owned by Mr. Humphrey (formerly owned by Mrs. Frangione). There may be other grants explored as well to assist in making this lot a permanent conservation easement for our town. There is a school board meeting scheduled for August 19, 2020 at 6:30 pm. Committee members are encouraged to attend (likely virtual via ZOOM) to discuss the mutual benefits and partnership responsibilities of managing trails that connect Carpenter Park, the school, and the proposed Valley View Conservation Area.

Zack received surveyor bids for the potential acquisition of landlocked property near Lynxfield Pond. This property has conservation value as protection for unique flora and fauna in the area. It also would serve as a buffer to protect from future development in the area.

Spaulding Lot bid for parking lot development will be shared with town selectmen for approval.

Madeline-Sanborn Conservation Area

Cleaning of debris and trail development continues. The group supports the idea of arranging old farm equipment (present on the lot when purchased) in strategic locations on the property to maintain historical interest and fascination with a bygone era. Frank will inspect site and propose locations for each piece of equipment and bring this proposal to the September meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Next meeting is planned for Monday, September 7, 2020 at Carpenter Park.

Approved:

