

Chichester Conservation Commission
Minutes of ZOOM Remote Meeting of Nov 2, 2020

Call to Order at 6:45 pm by Bob Mann

Attendance: Bob Mann, Zack Boyajian, Frank Harrison, Marianne DiTaranto, Blaze Konefal and Dawn Marshall, Gail Briton-Kojigian, Charlie Kojigan, Gordon Jones

Minutes approved for Sep 7, 2020 and Oct 12, 2020 (*approved by abundant expression of verbal aye's, no objections*)

2021 CCC Budget: Motion to approve \$1300 for annual budget, which includes normal operating expenses and maintenance work at Shaw Pasture has been approved (*approved by abundant expression of verbal aye's, no objections*)

NRI Update: Zack is working with the contractor on finishing the laminated maps. Final invoice and payment has not yet been processed.

2021 Warrant Article: The Spaulding Lot parking lot project will need to be proposed as a warrant article at Town Meeting in March 2021. The funding source will be provided from the Forest Management Fund and/or the Conservation Fund. This aligns with the CCC CIP schedule.

Mail Bag:

BCEP confirms availability of acceptance for dimensional lumber waste from Shaw Pasture.

NHACC Annual Dues Approval (\$275): (*approved by abundant expression of verbal aye's, no objections, one abstention*). The NHACC 50th annual meeting is planned for Saturday, Nov 7 on ZOOM. See <http://www.nhacc.org/annualmeeting50/> for details.

Public Outreach: no new business

Land Conservation:

Zack has thoroughly researched the landlocked property near Lynxsfeld Pond, which includes wetlands, some high dry areas and has been recently logged. The property is owned by Bruce Cayer, with whom Zack has met to discuss the property. Town Tax Card refers to the land area as 61 acres, but the Public Court Deed has *no acreage described*. This has generated confusion and clearly the property needs to be surveyed with an appropriate property appraisal. Some of the bounds are clear, other boundaries are uncertain. Based on surrounding property, the property in question appears to be approximately 30 acres. Three quotes for appraisals have been received between \$1500 and \$2000. Motion to contract with Capital Appraisals (lowest bid and shortest time frame) to appraise the property at Map 6 – Lot 46, paid for by conservation funds was approved (*approved by abundant expression of verbal aye's, no objections*). Goal is to ascertain a base price to determine feasibility to make an offer of purchase and sales agreement.

Valley View Conservation Area: A team walked the field area adjacent to Main St (currently owned by Dan Humphrey) to demark detailed location for potential public access recreational trails on this potential conservation easement. It is now known there is no available support from LCHIP to fund this project. There may still be funding support from NH DES and NH Moose Plates.

Spalding Town Forest: After soliciting 8 quotes for work, 2 quotes have come in for constructing the proposed parking lot. Options continue to be weighed for the most productive decision.

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Carpenter Park: The local snowmobile club no longer intends to maintain the trail section through the park because the trail is no longer on the popular route.

MSCA: Maintenance and clearing was very successful this fall in cleaning the field and keeping this conservation area beautiful. The parking lot is well-used by the public. A decision was made to move machinery into the area previously occupied by the fallen shed. The entire MSCA is a NO HUNTING zone and new signs need to be fabricated and installed. However, the Shaw Pasture is available for hunting.

Conservation Fund: The Shirley Waters Fund is going to be established as a second account to keep the money separate from the general fund.

Easement Stewardship: Maintenance duties are in progress by Blaze.

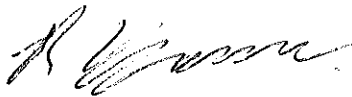
CIP Review: Due to current activity and a goal to complete the Spaulding Lot access, the MSCA boardwalk project will be pushed to begin in 2024. No new projects will be added to the CIP this year.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:05 pm

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, Dec 7, 6:30 pm on ZOOM. A link for the public will be posted on town website public calendar.

Minutes respectfully taken by Frank Harrison

Approved

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'H. Harrison', written over the word 'Approved'.