

Nelson Conservation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting of January 16, 2020

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Kathy Schillemat opened the meeting at 7:04 PM. Also present were Rob Germeroth, Gary Robinson and Rick Church.

Approval of Minutes:

Rob moved approval of the minutes of 12/19/2019, (second Gary) All voted to approve.

Partridge Woods Forest Management Plan:

Kathy displayed the final copy of the report received last week.

Anne McBride joined the meeting at 7:08PM.

There was a discussion about how to make the plan available to the public. Gary will ask Edie Drinkwater to make another copy so we can have one in the town office and one at the library. Kathy will ask Kris Finnegan to use her email list to let people where they can see it. Rick will ask Laura French to send a pdf copy to the Harris Center.

Rick moved that the report be approved and that the final invoice in the amount of \$9,440 be paid out of the Conservation Fund (the checking account). Rob seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Rick will send a note to Edie requesting the payment and Kathy will take the invoice for the final payment to the office.

Tom Newcombe joined the meeting at 7:14

Mailbox:

Kathy shared a letter from the Granite Lake Association reporting on their 2019 Lake Host program. They inspected 873 boats, approximately 100 more than the previous year. This was due to more volunteer hours being available.

Kathy also read a letter from Historic Harrisville thanking the Nelson Conservation Commission for its effort effort to protect Partridge Woods.

Kathy also showed a book distributed by NH Fish and Game on trail siting.

NCC Annual Report: Kathy reviewed the Annual Report she has drafted for the Town Report. A picture of the opening of Partridge Woods will be added. Kathy suggested we submit the same budget as last year. Anne moved approval of both items. Rob seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Right of Way to Great Meadow Property: Anne gave Kathy a sample right of way agreement. Kathy will ask Frankie and Harvey Tolman if they will grant the Town a right of way through

their land to land in the Great Meadow that they previously donated to the Town. Ideally this would be done before any sale.

Kiosk Poster Project: Rick reported that there may be a student willing to do our kiosk poster as a class project. Anne has gotten a shape file of the property boundaries and Rick and Kathy shared pictures and captions they suggested we might use on the boarder of the poster. Topics were suggested to augment the map: a tick warning, a sign asking that people respect historic sites, something about invasive species. Rob suggested an area might be developed to allow people to harvest (and perhaps grow) native plants for food and medicinal purposes.

Meeting adjourned 8:25PM

Rick Church, Secretary