

Nelson Conservation Commission
Draft Minutes
May 23, 2019

Rick Church called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Other Members Present: Tom Newcombe, Gary Robinson, Kathy Schillemat

April 25th, 2019 meeting minutes:

Kathy moved for approval of the previous month's meeting minutes, after Tom's suggestion that he add a note about the DES application for the Feldman property on Granite Lake, which was discussed briefly at the end of that meeting. Gary seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

Partridge Woods project:

Rick said that he liked the Homestead Lane sign layouts prepared by Bulldog Designs, which he had circulated by email prior to tonight's meeting. Others agreed that the designs looked great. They can be printed on aluminum like standard road signs, and will cost approximately \$40 each. There was brief discussion about recommended sign configuration and location for each sign post. Kathy moved and Gary seconded a motion to proceed with ordering of the signs as proposed, and to cover the cost from the NCC checking account. All voted in favor.

Rick reminded the group that Meadowsend Consulting is still planning to lead a group of NCC members and other interested residents on a walk of the Partridge Woods property during the morning of Sat. June 29, by which time some preliminary findings and recommendations based on their field work should be ready to share.

DES Wetlands Permits:

Tom reported that no new DES applications have been received since the last meeting. Three previously-discussed projects on Granite Lake are now well under way, and the required erosion control measures are in place and being maintained by the contractors.

Nelson Roadside Clean-Up Day:

The trash pickups along Nelson roadways on April 27 was a big success. So far, 31 bags of trash collected by volunteers have been picked up by Mike Tarr. There are still some routes to be completed by folks who were not available on the designated day.

Other:

Kathy offered the suggestion that the NCC could promote the removal of invasive plants such as the prolific Burning Bush by offering blueberry bushes in exchange for invasive plants turned in by Nelson residents. A starting point could be the Nelson School, where a number of Burning Bushes are currently thriving and seeding the spread of additional plants across the road along the

Murdough Meander walking path. This could be a terrific educational opportunity for the students if the staff would agree to participate. Kathy said she would request a few minutes at the next school board meeting to propose this idea.

With no other business, Kathy moved and Gary seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Newcombe
Secretary