

Approved Minutes

Nelson Conservation Commission Meeting

Monday, October 16, 2023 7:00 pm Lower level of library

Minute Taker: Janet Yardley

Present: Janet Yardley, Dave Birchenough, Nina Iselin, Brenna Kucinski Selectboard liason

Guests: Rick Church, Elizabeth Williams Natick Trails Committee

Meeting called to order 7:01

Approval of Meeting minutes September 18, 2023 Nina moved to approve minutes Seconded Janet Yardley Approved 3/0

Rick Church and Elizabeth Williams came to discuss how to improve coordination between the Nelson Trails Committee and the Nelson Conservation Commission (NCC.) Although there are many members of the Trails committee who are on the NCC and vice versa there have been a few issues with text and maps on the Kiosk maps and the trail guides that are not exactly in sync. These have been addressed with modification of trail guides. It was re-iterated that Members of the trails Committee are always welcome at NCC meetings, that the final draft of the kiosk map was sent to the trails committee before being printed, and encouraged communication early and often between the two groups. We agreed to send a copy of the agenda and minutes of the NCC to the chair of the trails committee, currently Rick Church.

Discussed making a temporary sign to be placed at the southern end of the Patterson ROW and attach to trees. This will be north of an old logging road to the clear cut so that access to the view is still accessible, though currently there is no maintained trail there. We will ask the Trails Committee to add this to the Dave Birchenough sign list in the next batch of signs if the temporary signs are agreed to by both NCC and Trails Committee and there are no objections from the Select Board. The Pattersons have agreed to this arrangement.

Conservation Moments

Adult loons have flown to ocean, immatures still feeding, discussed increasing winter rescues

Cheshire County Conservation Commissions Annual Potluck sponsored by CCCD held on October 4 by Nina Iselin. The attendance was small with representatives from Nelson, Hinsdale, Westmoreland, Chesterfield, Rindge and Dublin. Anne McBride gave a good presentation on Lidar mapping and NH Granite View

NHACC Conference 11/4/2023

Dave will drive.

Dave, Janet and Nina are planning to attend, Margy considering it.

Easement monitoring update

Plan for monitoring the Shonk property Monitoring form given to Nina. Janet will talk with her off line about details and logistics

Janet still planning to do the Hanshett/Stasiowski

Dave Birchenough will get in touch with Anne McBride about setting up the Google drive for the NCC to hold agendas, minutes, easement monitoring forms and reports and whatever other documents we feel are useful.

Follow up on siltation and erosion at Granite Lake emails from Joe Curtin, conversation with Karen Costello

Joe Curtin who lives across from Granite Lake has worked hard to coordinate with NH DOT and DES. In addition to property damage from the erosion and flooding, there are proposed culverts to help mitigate future flooding. There is no funding for that other than local property owners splitting the cost which is substantial and a hardship for some. Siltation is still an issue.

Motion to authorization to reimburse members for registration for NHACC meeting. Cost is \$60.00 per person. Currently Dave Birchenough, Janet Yardley and Nina Iselin are registered. Those who are attending are paying for their registration. Attached are receipts for Janet And Dave. Others will be sent to Edie Drinkwater. Cost will be up to \$240.00. Moved by Janet Yardley, second by Nina Iselin. Approved 3/0

Motion made by Janet Yardley to pay invoice from Antioch for preparation and printing of maps from Partridge Woods. Invoice attached. Second by Dave Birchenough. Approved 3/0.

Motion made by Janet Yardley to reimburse Janet Yardley \$55.00 for wildflower seeds as thank you gifts for roadside clean up help. Second Nina Iselin. Approved 3/0.

Budget for next year tabled

Next Meeting: would be Monday, November 19, 2003 7:00 pm Lower level library. December meeting may cancel due to holidays if all preparations for annual meeting are finished.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26. Moved Janet Yardley, Seconded Nina Iselin, Approved 3/0.