

Town of Nelson
Joint Meeting of Selectmen and Conservation Commission
7:00 PM

June 15, 2021

Executive Board Attending: David Upton, Maury Collins, Gary Robinson, Edie Drinkwater, Admin. Assist.
Conservation Commission Attending: K. Schillemat, J. Yardley, A. McBride, S. Wilson

Others attending: E. Masterson representing the Harris Center

● At 7:02 PM David Upton opened the Selectmen's portion of the June 16, 2021 joint meeting of the Nelson Select Board and the Nelson Conservation Commission.

● Before engaging in the joint meeting, the Board addressed a request from T. Pearson to use the Town Common to hold a Cub Scout "Pinewood Derby" on Wednesday June 23, 2021. David made a motion to approve the request contingent upon the group following the current mask wearing protocols used by the school.

Gary seconded.

The motion carried 3-0. (Police Chief Pratt will be asked to attend and to provide safety barriers as may be needed)

● David then addressed the attendees regarding mask wearing during the meeting. Kathy reported that although some protocols have lessened, one of the attendees, who has young children, preferred that everyone wear masks during the meeting. All agreed and Kathy proceeded to open the Conservation Commission portion of the meeting. (7:07 PM)

● David reviewed Parking Lot details that are proposed to become part of the Stewardship Plan including draft amendments presented by the Select Board. (See Attachment #1)

Discussion began regarding various elements of access and use of all parking lots.

1. Con. Com. would like the newly proposed parking lot off Old Stoddard Road to remain partially opened all winter. This will be discussed with M. Tarr.
2. Questions remain regarding "Private Drive" status of Homestead Lane and the extent that the Town residents and general public have rights to use.
3. Allowance for Dogs – Language in the Town ordinance will be reviewed. E. Masterson noted that other Harris Center properties require a leash, noting that the greater regulation often results in fewer violations.
4. Kathy noted that snowmobile use has not yet been determined for Partridge Woods. This opened a brief discussion of concerns for the problems this recreation could bring.

● It was agreed that A. McBride will enter agreed amendments and create a pre-final draft to be sent to the Select Board for review and final vote.

● With nothing further, David made a motion to adjourn the Select Board portion of the joint meeting. Maury seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

● The Conservation Commission remained to finish their meeting.

8:02 PM Selectmen's portion of the Meeting Adjourned.

For June 16, 2021

David Upton, Chair

Maury Collins, Selectman

Gary Robinson, Selectman

Attachment #1

Section 4: Parking Areas

Partridge Woods has parking available at:

Existing Lots:

Brickyard Road Parking Area

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Proposed Lot:

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