

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

July 22, 2021

Executive Board Attending: Gary Robinson, Maury Collins, Brenna Kucinski, Edie Drinkwater, Admin. Assist.

Conservation Commission Attending: K. Schillemat, J. Yardley, A. McBride, S. Wilson, Tom Newcombe

Others attending:

- At 7:05 PM Gary Robinson opened the Selectmen's portion of the July 22, 2021 joint meeting of the Nelson Select Board followed by Kathy Schillemat opening the Nelson Conservation Commission meeting which she indicated will continue following the joint session.
- Kathy began with a continuing review of the Stewardship Plan as previously started at the June 15, 2021 joint meeting.
- A final amendment previously submitted by D. Upton regarding Homestead Lane was read and discussed. All agreed, that while abutters may likely be notified of any changes in use, it was not necessary to place such notification as a requirement in that portion of the Stewardship Plan.
- Review of the Stewardship plan continued with reference to the Forest Management Plan which has been completed and available in the Library and Town Office. It was understood during the review that the Forest Management Plan is an element of the Stewardship plan and the Stewardship plan is prescribed as a requirement in the easement with the Harris Center.
- T. Newcombe suggested that Rules and regulations for Homestead Lane should be a separate document to be developed once more legal questions are answered. The group voiced their agreement.
- Brenna Kucinski made a motion to accept the language generally agreed to at the June meeting regarding Homestead Lane usage and that the later amendment from D. Upton not be included. Maury seconded.
The motion carried 3-0 (Select Board vote)
- Janet Yardley made a motion to likewise accept the language agreed to at the June meeting regarding Homestead Lane usage and that the later amendment from D. Upton not be included. Anne McBride seconded.
The motion carried 5-0 (Conservation Commission vote)
- Discussion moved to archeologic investigation/metal detecting as a considered activity within Partridge Woods. Language for permit clarification was the focus. 1. Those who are granted permission must return annually for permit renewal. 2. All items found or unearthed should be recorded and returned to the location where found. 3. A written summary of the planned activity should be submitted to the Conservation Commission for approval. Anne McBride suggested changing the word permission to request in that portion of the previous draft. 4. When a request is granted the rules should be reviewed and a reminder given that the permission is good for just one year. Renewal or new permission will be required after that time.

● Anne McBride will complete the final draft with agreed changes and forward to K. Schillemat and E. Drinkwater for distribution to everyone. The Selectmen will review and vote at their meeting on July 28, 2021. Anne and Kathy will be notified of the Board's vote.

● A question regarding access dates of use was clarified by agreeing that sanctioned uses of Homestead Lane are not restricted by dates or time.

● Once finalized and approved by the Harris Center, the Conservation Commission will begin work on the new parking lot off Old Stoddard Road.

● Gary and Maury will bring the new member of the Select Board up to date and review their previous decisions and the elements considered in the process regarding Homestead Lane.

● With nothing further for the Select Board, Brenna 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.

8:04 PM Selectmen's portion of the meeting adjourned.

For July 22, 2021

Gary Robinson, Chair

Maury Collins, Selectman

Brenna Kucinski, Selectman

8:04 PM Joint portion of the meeting adjourned.

Kathy Schillemat, Conservation Commission Chair

Janet Yardley, Member

Sarah Wilson, Member

Tom Newcombe, Alternate Member

Anne McBride, Alternate Member