

Draft Minutes

Nelson Conservation Commission Meeting

Monday, December 11, 2023 7:00 pm Lower Level Library

Minute Taker Janet Yardley

Present: Janet Yardley, chair; Dave Birchenough; Nina Iselin; Margy Iselin; Brenna Kucinski, Selectboard representative; Tom Newcombe, alternate arrived at 7:05 PM

Call to Order 7:00 PM by Janet Yardley

Approval of Meeting minutes November 11/20/23, moved by Nina Iselin, second by Janet Yardley. Approved 4/0

Motion by Janet Yardley to approve Tom Newcomb substituting for the open slot on 11/20/23 Second Dave Birchenough. Passed 5/0

Approval of all motions voted on November 11, 2023 due to the meeting not having been posted appropriately.

Motion by Janet Yardley to approve Meeting minutes of October 2023 corrected to add Brenna Kucinski present. Second by Nina Iselin, Approved 5/0

Motion by Janet Yardley to approve a temporary sign for Wheeler Trails at south end of Patterson's ROW, 2 signs 8.5 X 11 to be laminated and nailed to trees.

"No Public Access Beyond This Point

Exclusive Private ROW"

Wording may be edited for the final sign to be made later by Dave Birchenough

Second Nina Iselin, Passed 5/0

Motion by Janet Yardley to support Work Group of Stoddard and Nelson CC, GLA. Dave Birchenough to be the representative from NCC. Brenna offered to assist the working group if requested by the group. The group will explore hiring a consultant. NCC supports this plan. Second Nina Iselin. Approved 5/0.

Motion to adjourn at 9:15 by Janet Yardley, second by Dave Birchenough, approved 5/0

Update on GLA Work Group

Kathy Schillemat is interested in being on the work Group. She has information about ways to slow down flow in streams with wood to have less silt reach the lake.

The plan has been endorsed by 2 of the 4 GLA executive members. The other two have expressed interest but have not sent a specific response yet. Tom to follow up.

Janet Yardley has left a voice mail with Geoffery Jones, chair of Stoddard Conservation Commission and passed his contact information to Tom Newcombe.

Tom Newcombe reviewing the 2011 Granite Lake Watershed Study and is reaching out to the consulting company to see if any of the authors are still working there.

Conservation Moments

Bufflehead Ducks on Nubanusit, Peepers in Brenna's fields, Birds seem to be migrating later.

Partridge Woods sign for Patterson ROW

Dave Birchenough has made the temporary signs and Janet Yardley will pick them up from him and install them. He does not want reimbursement for the laminating.

Received notice from Harris Center on easement monitoring of White Pond and Fuller Property

No violations. Fuller Property was previously owned by Coughlin.

Update Lobel Property/DES permit on West Shore Road. All work being done is outlined in the DES permit of approx. 2022. Property visited with invitation from owner Jonathan Lobell by Janet Yardley and Nina Iselin.

Janet Yardley reported that we have not yet received the right to know requested report on the complaint filed by the town on the Johnson's filling of the Great Meadow Wetland. Dave Birchenough reports that Edie has a copy of the original complaint. Edie had told Janet Yardley that the town did not have a copy. Janet will follow up both with Edie and with the original compliance officer at DES.

2024 Budget

Budget will be unchanged from the 2023 Budget.

Proposed NCC Budget 2024

Item	2023 Budget	2023 Expended	2024 Budget
NHACC Dues	250.00	250.00	250.00
Training and conferences	275.00	180.00	275.00
Supplies and services	200.00	55.00	55.00
(road side clean up, laminating signs)			
Mileage	?	0	?
Legal Expenses Postings	375.00	0	375.00
Public Programs	200.00	0	200.00

Will include the same amount of money for mileage as in present budget per Edie's recommendation. Janet Yardley moved to approve proposed Budget for 2024 with the addition of the same amount for mileage as in the 2023 budget, second by Margy Iselin, approved 5/0.

2024 Town Report

Discussed report as written by Janet Yardley. No additions, deletions or other comments. Motion by Janet Yardley to approve for inclusion in the Annual Report.

Current version of the report attached to minutes. Second by Nina Iselin. Approved 5/0

Update on Google drive

Dave Birchenough will arrange a time with Anne McBride to get the information moved over to an NCC Google Drive. Nina Iselin has gotten the documents for the Shonk easement monitoring.

Meeting dates for 2024

Discussed options. Agreement that Monday is a good day. Request to change time to 6:00 PM so end time is not so late. Plan to not have our meeting on the same week as the energy group. Discussed having meeting on the second Monday of the month to be further from Holidays in November and December and to fall on Federal Holidays less often. Decision to meet the first Monday of each month at 6:00 PM except for January and September. January 8, 2024 at 7:00 PM to not conflict with Energy Group meeting and New Year's Day and September 9, 2024 at 6:00 to not conflict with Labor Day.

Discussed Milfoil Prevention and Treatment fund. Granite Lake is requesting the same level of funding as last year, \$2500.00 and Nubanusit to request \$2500.00. Silver Lake has been getting funding from Harrisville. Motion by Janet Yardley to request that Warrant Article for the 2024 Town Meeting request the \$5000.00 that has been voted by Town Meeting each year for the Milfoil Prevention and Treatment Fund. Second Margy Iselin. Approved 5/0.

Motion to Adjourn by Janet Yardley at 7:58, second by Margy Iselin, approved 5/0

Next Meeting: Monday, January 8, 2024 7:00 pm Lower Level of Library