

Draft Minutes 02/21/2022
Nelson Conservation Commission
Meeting location: Library basement

In attendance: Dave Birchenough, Kathy Schillemat, Anne McBride, Tom Newcombe, Kathleen Vetter & Brenna Kucinski

Minute taker: Kathleen Vetter

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

Agenda:

1. Approval of January Meeting minutes

Anne moved to accept the revised minutes written by Dave Birchenough. Kathleen seconded. All approved.

2. Good News and Conservation Moments

Dave & Tom shared "lake at sunset" photos from Nubanusit & Granite Lake.

3. Mail

The Conservation Commission received a copy of a letter from NHDES regarding "Notice of Closure and Release of Recordation for Administrative Order No. 21-004 WD."

The NHDES has issued a legally-existing dock registration to Dave Birchenough and Judi Lang.

4. Recruiting new members

Marshall Davenson is not ready to rejoin the Conservation Commission. Michael French will get back to Kathy regarding his availability. A couple of other people who might consider joining the NCC were suggested.

5. Partridge Woods map project

Dave reported that Steven Lamonde of Antioch NE and Moosewood Ecological will obtain digital files for the map project started by an Antioch student who has now graduated. He will also see if he can help us find another Antioch intern to complete the project.

6. Partridge Woods trails

Rick Church suggested a field trip for the April meeting of the Trails Committee to explore options for a connection from the new parking area to existing Partridge Woods trails. Kathy will contact Eric at the Harris Center regarding approval for a new trail.

A crew will be needed to move the kiosk down to the new parking area in late April/early May.

Kathy and Brenna spoke to the timeline for a warrant article re Partridge Woods becoming our town forest. The Conservation Commission would need to submit a warrant article to Edie by the end of December with a possible hearing in November.

7. Monitoring plan for town easements (Shonk, Putzel, Collins-2) -review assignments from last meeting

We reviewed and approved Kathy's letter with Anne's edits. Anne suggested that we include conservation deed documents with the letters sent to Old Stoddard Rd landowners. Kathy will modify the letter before we send it to the Shonks, Tom Tolman & Judith Putzel.

The first step is to contact each landowner to make them aware (via letter) that there is a conservation easement on their property and that we plan to come monitor it. We will follow up after the letter to find a time to monitor.

We came up with possible email addresses that Dave could use to create a Google Drive work group for the Conservation Commission.

Anne reported that we can use the format that the Monadnock Conservancy uses for monitoring our reports.

8. Granite Lake Association

The Granite Lake Association requested \$2,250 from the NCC to help with their lake host program. We will wait to discuss approval until after town meeting.

9. Milfoil warrant article

Janet offered to speak to this article at town meeting. Tom will contact her regarding this issue as he has spoken to similar articles at past town meetings.

Tom made a motion to adjourn. Dave seconded. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 21, 7:00 pm