

Minutes of the Nelson Conservation Commission
Site visit to Partridge Woods property along Old Stoddard Road
April 22, 2021

Attending: Mike Tarr (road agent), Gary Robinson, Maury Collins, Anne McBride, John Taylor-Maule, Kathy Schillemat, Tom Newcombe, Rob Germeroth, Eric Masterson (Harris Center)

The meeting was called to order at 5:38 p.m.

It was asked why there was new dirt dumped at the entranceway on the woods road. Mike Tarr said that the Selectboard had directed him to do it since he had available dirt from a different project. The commission members had not been notified about this before the meeting.

Mike explained what he had been thinking for a possible layout of a parking area, which was having pull-in spots along the easterly side of the existing woods road. There was some concern that this area included a spot on the woods road with a culvert. In order to avoid the culvert and impacts to the water, the general consensus was to start the parking area sooner (i.e. closer to the road), which could result in fewer spots total. There was thought that the new plan could accommodate about 12 parking spots.

Kathy asked Eric Masterson about his thoughts regarding this potential plan. Eric said that the conservation easement clearly allows for a parking area, but that we cannot start work on the parking area until we submit the proposal as part of the larger stewardship plan, which needs to get approved by the Harris Center.

Rob Germeroth agreed to draw up a sketch plan so that we get an estimate from Mike Tarr. This plan can then be submitted to the Harris Center for approval as part of the larger stewardship plan.

John Taylor-Maule moved to adjourn at 6:20 p.m.
It was seconded by Tom Newcombe.

Minutes taken by Anne McBride.