

Nelson Conservation Commission

Meeting 5/27/21

7:00 PM Nelson Town Hall

Present: Kathy Schillemat Chair, Rob Germeroth, John Taylor-Maule, Ann McBride, Gary Robinson, Janet Yardley, Minute Taker, Sarah Wilson, Tom Newcombe

Meeting Called to Order 7:00 PM

1. Motion to approve minutes of 4/22/21 and 5/6/21 minutes. Moved by Gary Robinson, seconded by John Taylor-Maule. Passed unanimously.
2. Roadside cleanup report. On April 24-May 1 approximately 40 people signed up. Prizes awarded as follows:

Sarah Wilson picked up 34 Bud lite cans between Nelson Center and Murdough Hill Rd

Ann McBride for most unusual find, a computer monitor in the wetlands on Nelson Rd

Gordon and Susan Peery, Brenna and Steve Kucinski picked up 8 bags on Granite Lake Road from Nelson Rd downhill.

Other interesting items, a toy penguin and a headlamp from a car accident.

3. Lake Host Programs. Requests from Granite Lake Association and Nubanusit Lake Association to support their Lake Host programs to decrease the risk of the spread of aquatic invasive species. Motion to award \$2000.00 each to Granite Lake Association and Nubanusit Lake Associates.

Moved by Tom Newcombe seconded by Rob Germeroth. Passed unanimously

4. Wetlands Permit by Notification. Request by Karen Costello to add a 6'X10' section of seasonal dock to existing seasonal dock to allow mooring pontoon boat without bottoming out. Worsened last year by low water level due to drought. Moved by Tom Newcombe, seconded by Rob Germeroth, approved unanimously.
5. Stoddard Rd Parking update. Reviewed sketch by Rob Germeroth. To accommodate 12 cars. May need to relocate drainage from the existing culvert. Current estimate of \$5000.00. Survey map given to Rob to add distances from the property lines. Discussed importance that the payment from NCC goes to Highway department and not to the general fund. Gary Robinson to get further clarification from Selectboard. Maury Collins has recused himself on this issue as he is an abutter. John Taylor-Maule will also recuse himself on this issue as he is also an abutter.
Moved by Janet Yardley, second by Gary Robinson. NCC approves the concept of a parking lot as drawn by Rob Germeroth and authorizes Mike Tarr to construct lot to accommodate 12 cars, upgrade the wood road from Old Stoddard Rd to the end of the parking lot. To move or extend

the culvert if necessary, spending up to \$5000.00. Plan for this parking lot will be included in the Stewardship Plan to the Harris Center for their approval. Approved unanimously with John Taylor-Maule abstaining as he has recused himself.

6. Stewardship Plan. Discussed current status and recent actions by the select board. Kathy Schillemat will arrange a meeting between the Harris Center, Nelson Conservation Commission, Nelson Select board about the Stewardship Plan including whether the Harris Center would like a draft of the plan before the last few items are completed. Pending items are Map of Trails and Parking lots which are on hold pending resolution of issues of what right of ways do we have, the Homestead Lane Access and abutter's concerns about trails near their property. The bulk of the Stewardship Plan is complete.
7. Logging Proposal by Pattersons. The Pattersons are doing some logging on their property including near the border with the Partridge Woods land. They have invited us to do some cutting on our side of the line, especially close to their property line. The NCC will not do any cutting at this time. Janet Yardley will arrange a meeting with the Pattersons, their forester, Eric Masterson of the Harris Center and John Taylor-Maule and Janet Yardley of the NCC to review their plan, understand what trees on our property they fell are a danger to their buildings and assess its impact on Partridge Woods.
8. Disposal of wood from clearing for blueberry restoration on Hurd Hill. Trails Committee asked about options for removing the cut wood. Discussed options of leaving to compost, moving large pieces out of the way, hiring someone to remove the larger logs, concerns about wear and tear on roads to haul it out. Janet will go out with Rick Church and take photos to review with the NCC.
9. Discussion of potential open seats on NCC and moderate term plans of the chair.

Gary Robinson left meeting at 9:04 PM

10. Discussed options of which lawyer to retain to give opinion of what are the town's rights re: access on Homestead Lane and what constitutes overburdening the right of way.
11. Update on 162 Nubanusit Road, tabled
12. Motion to adjourn at 9:30 PM by Kathy Schillemat, seconded by Sarah Wilson, passed unanimously.