

**Nelson Conservation Commission
Draft Minutes May 22, 2023
Lower level meeting room of ORML**

Present: Janet Yardley, Niña Iselin, Margaret Iselin, Kathleen Vetter, Dave Burchenough, and Brenna Kucinski (select board liaison)

7:00pm meeting called to order

Approval of minutes

Two small corrections were made to the April 17 minutes. Motion made by Margy to approve minutes as amended, seconded by Niña, passed with none opposed.

Conservation moments

- Janet announced that the loon raft had a successful launching but at the end of summer we'll need to secure the mesh across the bottom that holds the foam in place.
- Kathleen watched 2 tree swallows attack and pin-down a bluebird; she intends to put up a bluebird house. She also heard a woodthrush.
- Niña has a turkey who comes to visit and admire their reflection in her door and outdoor cooker

Partridge Woods

Trail signs are in progress.

Dave passed kiosk posters around for all to review and approve before it goes to print. It is very nearly perfect but Dave marked down a few corrections to be made.

At North Parking, one sign has been relocated to be clearly visible from one direction and Dave will make another for the other direction of Old Stoddard Road.

The Wheeler trail is becoming overgrown with saplings. Janet will talk to Pattersons to notify them that we plan to take out some trees to keep open for emergency vehicles. Also the private/no public access sign has disappeared; plan to put up a sign that simply says "trail dead ends".

Wetlands training NHACC

Janet distributed copies of "Wetlands Best Management Practice Techniques" booklet to each present. NHACC put together a 7-session webinar course with 2 in person trainings. NCC also budgets the annual meeting for any members who want to attend. Anyone wanting to receive regular notifications needs to submit their email addresses.

Center Pond Paddle with Harris Center

Set for July 20 at 8pm

Priority Conservation Plan

Janet produced the only known copy of this booklet by Rick Van DePoll. Janet will research cost to copy and/or digitize. It might be good to update the town master plan, consider other parcels to be conserved.

Next meeting: Agreed to meet July 10 7pm library lower level.

Adjourn: Janet moves to adjourn, Margy seconds at 8:08pm