

## **May 2019 Winchester Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes**

**Present: Gus Ruth, Bonnie Leveille, John Hann, Tom Turant, Paul Hubner, Steve Brackett, Joe Faloretti.**

**Guests: Tim Shippee, Dave Maglin**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM. Motion passed to have Paul, Steve and Joe as regular members for the meeting.

April minutes were reviewed. John thought the picnic tables were to be all pressure treated. Motion to amend the minutes to read all pressure treated. Motion passed.

The WCC met with Tim Shippee and David Maglin to discuss the WCC property on Forest Lake Circle. Bonnie explained that she had gone to the property to view it and met Dave Maglin and his wife when they came out to see why she was there. After talking to the Maglins at length, Bonnie suggested Tim come to a WCC meeting and that everyone share thoughts and feelings in person in order to reach a resolution about the property use. Tim invited Dave Maglin, son of the property owner who originally created the easement. They also brought a letter from Phyllis Plifka, also an abutter of the WCC property.

Dave gave a history dating back to the 1920's of his family and the property.

Dave and Tim expressed their concerns for the WCC potentially planning to have parking on their property. Concerns included:

- Road is now narrower than original maps
- One or two cars would lead to multiple cars
- Parking would invite party type use or use not originally intended
- Road too narrow/ cars parked would prevent deliveries or emergency vehicles having access ( Dave's wife is seriously ill)

Tim and Dave described concerns about what they have witnessed over the years.....parties, potential drug use, loud and inappropriate language, etc. They do not object to walk in /walk out to fish, etc or coming to the dock with non motorized boats. They do not oppose the use as stated in the deed. They also want day use only but no use from dusk to dawn. Dave stated that his family is willing to buy back the land.

WCC and the abutters are in agreement of what they want to happen. The WCC wants to only have the property used as specified in the original easement. Both sides agree that the fire pit and dock need immediate repairs. The WCC stated that the older signs are faded and need to be replaced and clearly state rules for use. The WCC suggested that they would ask that police do patrols after dark. Parking on the main road was discussed. Dave and Tim shared issues of attempts to create an area south of the fire hydrant on the main road.

reassessed and if there was no improvement the Maglin family would again request to purchase the property. The WCC made it clear that it was a Town matter and could require a Warrant article. Tim will provide the WCC with a copy of the letter from Phyllis Plifka.

### **Trails on Gardiner Mountain**

Steve then presented his plans to create bike trails at Gardiner Mountain. The trails would be for youth, beginner trails one or two miles long to start. Steve said this would be the first of other community trails he would like to do in Town. He will do them himself. He also has plans to bring back the Trails at the Wulff property. He will have decent maps, etc. and promote the trails once completed. Steve also will maintain the trails.

John made a motion to accept Steve's proposal to create trails at Gardiner Mountain and the Wulff property. Tom seconded. Motion passed.

### **Invoices:**

Motion to pay \$325.00 to the NH Association of Conservation Commissions from the dues line of the budget. Motion passed

Motion to pay \$100.00 for the WCC's portion of the Town audit from the conservation fund. Motion passed.

### **Picnic Tables:**

John stated that he had spoken with his contact in Vernon but the best deal is at Aubuchons. The tables are pressure treated and 6' long. Funds have already been approved for purchase. There are also picnic tables from Pocket Park stored at the Highway Dept. garage. Paul will put two tables at Musterfield Park but will not put a table at Forest Lake.

### **Sign at Musterfield Park**

Steve brought the sign he made for Musterfield Park. It will be placed where can see from the road. A decision will be made where to move it if the road is widened in the future. Joe made a motion to purchase two (2) posts and hardware required at Aubuchons. Tom seconded. Motion passed.

John requested a copy of the Maglin deed and easements. They are available in the WCC office and at the Registry of Deeds as well as with Karey.

Motion to adjourn at 8:25PM.

Submitted by:

Bonnie Leveille, Secretary

*Lee P. S.*  
*Bonnie A. Leveille*