

June 20th 19th 2019 Winchester Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Present: Gus Ruth, Bonnie Leveille, Jon Baldvins, John Hann, Tom Turant, Paul Hubner, Joe Faloretti, Steve Brackett, Mim Johnson.

Ben Kilanski, Winchester BOS rep; Guest: Ken Cole

Meeting was called to order at 7:02PM.

Mim made a motion to have Tom Turant as a regular member for the meeting. Jon seconded the motion. Motion passed. Ken was again informed that he needs to be sworn in as a member as his term had expired.

May minutes were reviewed. John stated that there was no motion stating that the WCC agreed that creation of a parking area at Forest Lake was not a good idea. He felt therefore that a statement in the minutes that the WCC agreed that there should be no parking should be removed from the minutes. Bonnie realized there was no motion but understood that there was agreement that parking was not a good idea. Bonnie stated she would remove the sentence from the minutes. John made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Paul seconded. Motion passed.

Forest Lake Circle:

The Forest Lake Circle area in question for possible parking has been flagged by Dick Drew. Gus and Tom viewed the area and there appears to be room to park cars. John seemed to remember that there was to be no motorized vehicles but wanted to see the deed. Bonnie went to the WCC office and obtained the deed from the WCC files. The deed does state there will be no motorized vehicles. After lengthy discussion about the issues involved, no decision was made on parking.

Gus presented invoices for the mowing of the Cole Pavilion and Dick Drew's flagging of the Forest Lake Circle property. Mim made a motion to pay two invoices for \$25.00 each for the mowing of the Dan Cole Pavilion. John seconded. Motion passed. John made a motion to pay Dick Drew in the amount of \$280.00 for flagging the area in discussion for parking at Forest Lake Circle. Paul seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Musterfield Park:

Paul says he will pick up the picnic tables at Aubuchons and will coordinate with Gus who has the chains to secure the tables. Paul did not want to install the tables unless he could secure them.

Paul stated that the brush hog needs tires and is at the highway garage. Mim made a motion for the Highway Dept. to purchase two tires and the WCC will reimburse the Highway Dept. Tom seconded. Motion passed.

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Paul stated that there are stumps in the open area off of Rte 119 that need to be removed and asked if the Highway Department could be asked to remove them. The stumps are preventing Paul from making improvements in that area of the Park. Gus or Paul will approach Dale and Ben will let Dale know that they are going to request the removal of the stumps.

A discussion was held on an email from Ken Cole sent to the WCC regarding the fact that Gus is Chairperson of the WCC but is on the Winchester EDC and this is a conflict especially in regards to the Stone Mountain project. Gus asked WCC members if they felt it was an issue. Ben stated that Gus always has recused himself when an issue is discussed. Ben also stated that Gus has the best interests of conservation in regards to EDC matters. Other WCC members agreed. Bonnie stated that it was a plus that a member of the WCC was on the EDC where they can represent conservation concerns.

Ken then brought up the potential for safety issues on the edge of Musterfield Park if the Stone Mountain Park access road ran beside it. He feels that it would be a liability issue for the Town if users of the park were close to a busy access road. John stated that if it became a problem, a fence could be installed and that it be suggested to the Planning Board that visible barriers be installed.

Gardiner Mountain:

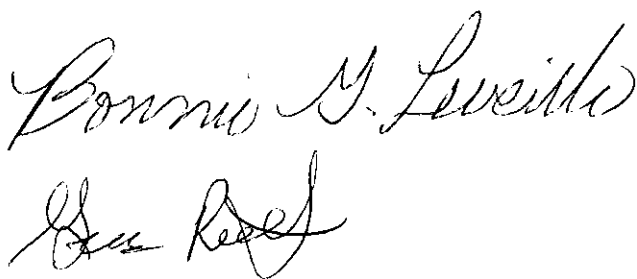
Steve reported that he has completed about two miles of bike trails and is about halfway to completion. He hopes to have completed by July 6th.

Paul brought up that the WCC needs to do another newsletter and put it on Facebook. WCC will discuss at a future meeting

Motion to adjourn at 8:09PM.

Submitted by:

Bonnie Leveille, Secretary

The block contains two handwritten signatures. The top signature is "Bonnie M. Leveille" in a cursive script. The bottom signature is "Gus Reed" in a cursive script.