

October 18th 2018 Meeting minutes of the Winchester Conservation Commission

Present: Gus Ruth, Bonnie Leveille, Tom Turant, Paul Hubner, Ken Cole, John Hann, Ben Kilanski, Joe Faloretti, Jon Baldvins.

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.

Motion to appoint Joe and Tom as regular members for a quorum. Motion passed.

Minutes from the August regular and special meetings were reviewed. Jon made a motion to accept the August 16th and August 30th meeting minutes as read. Joe seconded. Motions passed.

Ben reported on the Jones Road water main project.

Budget:

A lengthy discussion was held on the suggestion by John Hann to consider hiring Norm Spicer to monitor the Jones Road and Cranberry bog watershed. The WCC has previously agreed as part of a grant for the culvert project to monitor the watersheds as able. After discussion, John made a motion to add \$2,000 as a new line item in the budget for the purpose of monitoring WCC properties. Jon seconded. Motion passed.

Ben will submit this year's budget as the same as last year with the addition of the new line item as voted.

Musterfield Park

Steve Brackett has a sign kit and can do signs. Gus will provide the wood. Ben made a motion to purchase two pressure treated sign posts and paint. Joe seconded. Motion passed.

A discussion on a parking area was postponed.

Picnic Tables

The picnic table at Forest Lake is not usable. There needs to be one at Gardiner Mountain and another table at Musterfield Park. Paul Landry here in town was suggested as someone to possibly make the tables. John Hann also had a source. Motion was made to purchase three pressure treated tables. Motion passed. Ben will get a price from Paul Landry.

Forest Lake property

The dock needs to be stabilized.

There have been recent complaints about people parking there. The WCC agreed that there needs to be a survey to determine property lines so the WCC can address the parking issue. John made a motion to contact Dick Drew to survey the property to determine where the property line and road are. Jon seconded. Motion passed.

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Gus reported that the recent treatment of milfoil at Forest Lake was effective.

Forest Management Plans

Gus stated that he felt the WCC needs to have Forest Management Plans on WCC properties where there has been or might be timber cuts. He felt that we were behind in doing this. A lengthy discussion followed. It was decided that it made more sense to address this as needed and there was no immediate need on any of the properties at this time. Musterfield Park and Meeting House Hill have both had recent cuts.

Pulpit Falls

John reported that Eversource has finished trimming and cleaning up debris and that Ted Wallock has almost finished with the timber and will issue a check.

A discussion was held on marking property lines. Ben made a motion to pay \$500.00 to \$600.00 to have Dick Drew mark the North and East property lines. The South and East property lines are already marked. Paul seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Ben also made a motion to have Norm Spicer monitor the Pied Property, Map10 lots 3.0 and 3.1 under the direction of Gus and John. Tom seconded. Motion passed. Norm will have to meet with the WCC on how to proceed.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30PM.

Submitted by:



Bonnie Leveille, Secretary

