

August 2022 Winchester Conservation Commission minutes

Present: Gus Ruth, Bonnie Leveille, John Hann, Mim Johnson, Joe Faloretti, Natalie Quevedo.

Meeting was called to order at 7:03PM.

Nat had taken minutes for the July meeting in Bonnie's absence. Nat apologized as she had not done them and would provide them at the September meeting.

Musterfield Park:

Nat and Mim stained the pavilion. Gus watered the trees again. WCC still needs to have the Norm Sims Pavilion sign made.

Eversource:

The meeting with Eversource took place. Mim and John attended. They will be cutting back to the line starting Monday. John will meet with Eversource to flag WCC land. John will encourage them not to cut trees near Pulpit Falls and nearby terrain. They addressed ATV traffic from Massachusetts. How to block it was discussed. Nat wants written communication from Eversource in regards to the meeting and any future communication documented. She will email them in this regard.

National Grid:

Nat and John met with National Grid. The meeting was documented by John (on file) Discussion followed.

Explore NH:

The WCC received a request for a letter of support from Explore NH, an ATV group, to do a clean up on Janti Road. WCC has a concern of ATV over use and extensive debris in the area. Discussion followed due to concern for this creating increased use of the area as riders are not using designated trails. Mim will attend a meeting on August 23rd and other WCC members were encouraged to attend. Mim made a motion that after meeting with the group if their plans were deemed acceptable the WCC would write a letter of support for the cleanup. Joe seconded. Motion passed.

CT River Valley cleanup:

Nat announced that there will be a clean up of the Ashuelot River on Sept. 25th, the day after Pickle Festival from 9:00 to 2:00. She is looking for help for the clean up and to man a table at the Pickle Festival about the cleanup from 9:00 to 10:00AM.

Invoices:

- Water bill at Musterfield Park: \$51.62
Joe made a motion to pay. Bonnie seconded. Motion passed.
- ARLAC for testing for ecoli in Winchester section of the Ashuelot \$125.00
Joe made a motion to pay. Gus seconded. Motion passed.

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- Kilanski Lawn Care July \$25.00
August \$25.00
Joe made a motion to pay. Gus seconded. Motion passed
- NHTOA \$60.00 dues
Gus made a motion to pay. Joe seconded. Motion passed.

Cheshire County Conservation District Dinner:

Nat announced the Cheshire County Conservation District is holding a potluck on September 14th at Stonewall Farm. Mim will try and attend.

Wulff Property:

A conflict of property lines still exists on parcel near Ashuelot Street. An abutter claims his property line extends into the Wulff property. This conflict has been an issue for some time. Nat suggested that the WCC hire a surveyor to determine the correct boundary line.

Joe made a motion to research an appropriate surveyor not previously involved to resolve the matter. Bonnie seconded. Motion passed.

Nat will research a suitable surveyor and Gus will provide her with the map and lot numbers.

Motion to adjourn at 8:40PM.

Submitted by:

Bonnie Leveille, WCC Secretary