

## May 2022 Winchester Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

**Present: Gus Ruth, Bonnie Leveille, Paul Hubner, Joe Faloretti, Mim Johnson, Natalie Quevedo, Chair.**

**Guest: Dave Johnson**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM

April meeting minutes were reviewed. Mim made a motion to pass as read. Joe seconded. Motion passed.

### **Forest Lake Dam:**

Dave Johnson was present to update the WCC on the status of the fund raising for the Forest Lake Dam restoration. ( document provided on file). The Association is moving to corporate donation requests this summer. HL Turner Engineering is doing all the technical work. The dam has to be raised and capacity increased. Dave reported 400+ sand bags have been filled and are ready should they be required. They have been encouraged to pursue FEMA\$ with the Town of Winchester as the agent not the Association,

Nat said Infrastructure funds are available if the Association put the dam in a Town easement; would also help with receiving FEMA funds. When asked about a fish ladder, Dave reported it would add \$150,000. Nat asked Dave to speak to ARLAC.

### **Musterfield Park**

Gus stated he purchased sealer for the pavilion and will need help applying. Gus also requested help to measure the area to fence off the parking area. Paul and Joe agreed to go. They set date for Tuesday at 12:00PM. Gus will then get quotes for installation of fencing.

Nat will go in WCC files to review the grants for the Nat Cole Pavilion.

Mim addressed the need to clarify money budgeted for Muster field Park. WCC needs to review and see what is the balance of the original budget voted on by the WCC. Mim will get an itemized list of expenditures from Amy. Bonnie will go back in minutes to clarify budget amounts and if there were two separate amounts, one for trees and one for the rest of the work. A vote was taken to approve up to \$12,000 for pavilion construction but that was based on having the structure/s built by contractors. A budget was passed for \$5,000.00 but appears that was for trees.

*Bonnie G. Leveille*  
*Nat Cole*

**May WCC meeting minutes cont,****New Business**

- ARLAC sent a report on the Ashuelot River. ( letter on file)
- New England Power Company has completed borings in Winchester
- Invoice previously presented for water bill at Meeting House Hill property. Gus motion to pay. Mim seconded. Motion passed. ( invoice to Mim)
- Bonnie and Gus asked that the pavilion be named for Norm Sims. Nat made a motion to name the Musterfield Park pavilion for Norm Sims. Mim seconded. Motion passed. Gus will hire Lawrence Signs to do the sign. Nat also made a motion to donate \$50.00 to honor Norm once the obituary names a cause. Paul seconded. Motion passed.

**Meeting House Hill**

A lengthy discussion was held on consideration of a second tower on Meeting House Hill. Gus discussed with Karey about the income from the towers being allocated to the WCC, It was discussed that the Town could build their own towers and collect the income.. WCC also stated that a second tower would not be approved by the NH Forest Society as it would be too large of a footprint on the property. After further discussion, Mim made a motion *that the WCC is not in favor of constructing a second tower while leaving the original tower as it creates too large a footprint and will not be approved by the NH Forest Society who hold the easement on the property.* Joe seconded. Motion passed with one abstention.

Motion to adjourn in order to go into non public

Submitted by:

Bonnie Leveille, Secretary