

January 16th 2020 Winchester Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Present: Gus Ruth, Bonnie Leveille, Norm Sims, John Hann, Tom Turant, Ken Cole, Mim Johnson. Steve Brackett.

Meeting was called to order at 7:05PM. Mim made a motion to have Norm Sims and Tom Turant as regular members for the meeting Bonnie seconded. Motion passed.

Minutes of the November Special meeting minutes were reviewed. Gus made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Tom seconded. Motion passed.

Gus stated that there will be a second study in the spring of the black racer snake at the Stone Mountain Industrial Park site.

DES will charge \$2,250.00 for a diver at Forest Lake for a milfoil check. The State will pay \$900.00 and the WCC will pay 25%.

Gus stated that the BOS are suggesting that the WCC have all large trees cut down at Musterfield Park, especially along the road or around the picnic tables. After discussion it was decided to leave the area as natural as possible. It has also been suggested that the WCC place a pavilion in the picnic area. It was decided that there are other pavilions in Town and that the WCC did not want to have a pavilion, again to have this spot remain as natural as possible. Also a pavilion would add extra maintenance and responsibility.

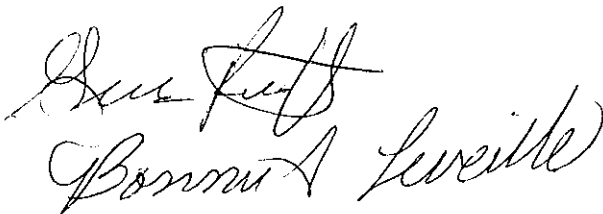
Steve Hood is about one third to three quarters done with the logging operation at Meeting House Hill. He will be working on the hill but is experiencing difficulties operating his skidder as the previous logger left deep ruts.

Steve Brackett announced that the Rails to Trails committee have met. The two bridges will be the first priority. Steve is still working on trails and signs at Gardiner Mountain.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:55PM.

Submitted by:

Bonnie Leveille, Secretary



The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The top signature is 'Gus Ruth' and the bottom signature is 'Bonnie Leveille'. Both signatures are written in a cursive, flowing style.