

## October 7<sup>th</sup> 2021 Winchester Conservation Commission minutes

**Present: Gus Ruth, Bonnie Leveille, Nat Quevedo, Norm Sims, Paul Hubner, Cheney Stevens.**

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Meeting was called to order at 7:01PM

Cheney made a motion to appoint Norm as a regular member for a quorum. Bonnie seconded. Motion passed.

September minutes were reviewed. Nat made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Norm seconded. Motion passed.

### **Musterfield Park:**

WCC will use silt that ran off into the Stone Mountain drainage ditch to spread around pavilion and plant bulbs. The Highway Dept will scrape out the bottom so it will not happen again. WCC will plant native plants in the spring as well. Norm suggested get seeds from a place in Amherst that sells native plant seeds.

Gus says need to seal the wood on the pavilion. Suggested use water base sealer. WCC will use funds already approved and seal before winter.

### **Lily Pond:**

A lengthy discussion was held on the possible options for Lily Pond. Norm made several suggestions that might be agreeable to the WEDC. Nat also said there are laws that permit WCC's in NH to have some authority to regulate small ponds and wetlands which the WCC should become familiar with. The WCC will draft a conservation easement to present.

### **Michigan Street Property:**

Norm

and Gus flagged the property to prepare for the trash pickup. Nat will coordinate people to meet on Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00. Bags will be used for trash and larger items will be dragged to the road for pickup.

### **Invoices:**

- Nat made a motion to pay Kilanski Lawn Care \$25.00 Norm seconded. Motion passed.
- Cheney made a motion to pay Aqua Logic up to 25% of \$1350.00 as the WCC's portion of the invoice. A grant is supposed to lower that amount. Paul seconded. Motion passed.
- Norm made a motion to pay the NH Association of Conservation Commissions \$250.00 for dues. Nat seconded, Motion passed.

### **Mitchell Sand & Gravel:**

October 14<sup>th</sup> is the Zoning Board hearing for a variance for two 10,000 gallon fuel tanks.

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Nat has been researching for a letter of opposition, She also has sources who will be present to testify in this regard. Bonnie made a motion to have Nat draft the letter and present at the hearing. Norm seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Budget:**

Gus presented the same budget as last year to Amy. Nat stated that the WCC assess recurring expenses and possible need for increases. The WCC will assess and potentially amend the budget when they meet with the Budget Committee.

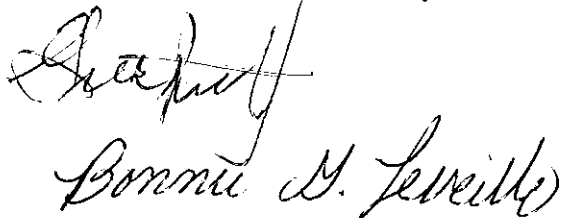
**Possible people living at Piney Woods property:**

Gus and Cheney will go out there to assess if there are still people living there and address the situation.

Motion to adjourn at 8:15PM

Submitted by:

Bonnie Leveille, WCC Secretary



*Bonnie M. Leveille*