

September 16th 2021 Winchester Conservation Commission minutes

Present: Gus Ruth, Bonnie Leveille, John Hann, Joe Faloretti, Ken Cole, Nat Quevado, Paul Hubner.

Meeting was called to order at 7:07PM.

Nat made a motion to appoint Joe and Ken as regular members for a quorum. Bonnie seconded. Motion passed.

August minutes were reviewed. Joe made a motion to accept the minutes as read. John seconded. Motion passed.

Gus stated that he and Mim need to be reinstated for another term. John made a motion to reinstate Gus and Mim. Joe seconded. Motion passed.

Musterfield Park:

Nat has written a press release on the construction of the pavilion. After review, Bonnie made a motion to accept the press release as corrected. Paul seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Forest Lake Dock:

The dock will be removed with the assistance of the Forest Lake Association. The date for removal is September 18th at 9:00AM. Gus will provide his truck and trailer. Joe made a motion that the WCC will pay the disposal fee if the wood is pressure treated. John seconded. Motion passed.

Source to Sea river cleanup:

Nat reported on the plans. Discussion focused on what sections of the river were safe for volunteers. Nat also expressed a need for more volunteers. At that time she thought she had a dumpster being provided by MDS. If there was a sizable amount of trash there would be a charge for half the cost. Nat will look into this offer more.

Student Conservation Corps Use of Meeting House Hill:

The water source has a frost free spigot which needs repair. Paul will assess and fix it.

Lily Pond:

Gus stated that he had received a request from Mark Tigan to see if Lily Pond could be made more visible by cutting brush around the edge facing the access road. A discussion followed as to what should or should not be cut in order to open up visibility. No decision was made.

Cemetery Tree Cut:

A discussion was held on the silt that has gathered in a drain basin across from Musterfield Park caused by run off of the area where trees were cut in front of the

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cemetery. Discussion centered on how to handle drainage as well as possibly using the silt removed to do plantings around the entry to Musterfield Park. Suggestion was to plant bulbs this Fall and more native plantings in the Spring.

Piney Woods Property:

Trevor Croteau contacted Bonnie to say apparently there are people living in a tent on the WCC property. He suggested that WCC take police along when they look into the situation. WCC will address the matter.

Pulpit Falls:

It had been reported that there was a lot of trash at Pulpit Falls and that the trail was blocked. John said he researched the matter and reported that the trash had been cleaned up and at that time the area was spotless.

Motion to adjourn at 8:52PM

Submitted by:

Bonnie Leveille, WCC Secretary


