

September 2019 Winchester Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Present: Gus Ruth, Bonnie Leveille, Norm Sims, Jon Baldvins, John Hann, Tom Turant, Paul Hubner, Joe Faloretti.

Meeting was called to order at 7:03PM. Bonnie made a motion to have Norm Sims, Joe Faloretti and Tom Turant as regular members for the meeting. Jon seconded. Motion passed.

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

Canoe/kayak launches

Norm stated that his property can be used for put in and take out as well as organized races. He said folks can park on his property. Paul will continue to look at more properties. It is possible to create a portage at Dan's Pavilion if there is low water but would need signage. Another place suggested was at the end of Kelly's field across from Bonnie's property where people often fish. There is a conservation easement in place. Norm made a motion to form a sub committee of Norm, Paul and John to study Ashuelot River access. John seconded. Motion passed.

Gus informed the WCC that the budget had been submitted.

John suggested a sub committee to look into various possibilities regarding property on Back Ashuelot previously discussed.

Gus has asked the Highway Department to install the grilles.

The State has approached the WCC to see if they will monitor Musterfield Park and the Cemetery area for Black racer snakes. They are endangered and a study apparently will be necessary in regards to the Stone Mountain Industrial Park. At this point the WCC did not feel they wanted to do that. The WCC also has been asked to contribute with the cost of the study. More information will be reviewed.

Motion to adjourn at 8:15PM

Submitted by:

Bonnie Leveille, Secretary

