

September 22nd 2022 Winchester Conservation Commission minutes

Present: Gus Ruth, Bonnie Leveille, John Hann, Mim Johnson, Natalie Quevedo, Chair.

Meeting was called to order at 7:01PM.

Nat still did not have July minutes. She will provide at next meeting.

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

Treasurer's report: Mim stated that she still did not have the information from Amy.

Old Business:

Ashuelot River cleanup:

Nat stated that at least four people have signed up for the River clean up and more for the roadside cleanup. She would like to purchase grabbers. Mim made a motion to approve up to \$70.00 for the purchase of grabbers. John seconded. Motion passed.

Wulff Property:

Gus stated that Dick Drew may have used suspected moved pins to get boundaries. Need to have accurate pins to survey. Nat made a motion to spend up to \$7,000.00 to survey. John seconded. Motion passed. It was then opened for discussion and it was suggested to use abutter's pins and fly a drone. It was decided to talk to Dick Drew about researching accurate pins for a survey and the matter was tabled until resolve.

Cheshire Conservation District Potluck:

Mim attended and reported to the WCC. Upcoming events were announced. Mim stated topics that were stressed including towns learning more about how to control invasive species and that towns should introduce warrant articles related to protection of rivers and lakes. She gave the example of how ordinances are being introduced in Chesterfield to inspect septic systems abutting Spofford Lake,

Class six road cleanups:

Janti Road: BOS approved having the group Explore NH clean up Janti Road
Piney Woods and Pudding Hill are scheduled for cleanup on October 15th at 9:00.

Eversource update:

John reported that the cutting they said they would do was completed. They blocked where ATVs were entering. They will come back and cleanup trash on their lines.

National Grid:

They are doing seismic readings before they do any boring. Five spots are denoted for boring that are in wetlands. Nat presented the maps of the sites. WCC discussed areas of

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concern impacted. Environmental studies claim no endangered species of concern. Nat would like to see a written report as this result is questioned. John noted that there appear to be missing pages in the maps and information provided. The National Heritage Bureau has found concerns and has noted them in their response. WCC will follow up with this matter.

New Business:**Invoices:**

Aqualogic \$483.33 for milfoil treatment at Forest Lake
Mim made a motion to pay. Gus seconded. Motion passed.

Mim said that we need to provide new budget.
Discussion followed. Mim made a motion to level fund the budget. John seconded.
Motion passed.

Stone Mountain Business Park:

The WCC received a letter from Mark Tigan of WEDC requesting that WCC improve Musterfield Park at the entrance to the Business Park. Discussion followed. The WCC has addressed this matter previously. This property is to be maintained as a natural area only. It is technically not a park. Efforts will continue to maintain and help the area recover from storm damage but it is not a park and will not be developed as such. The plan remains to restore it to its natural state as it was prior to the damage. It was suggested that the WCC will denote a parking area and create a walkway to the pavilion using trap rock. Nat will speak with Mark Tigan and inform him of the WCC's decisions.

Motion to adjourn at 8:45PM.

Submitted by:

Bonnie Leveille, WCC Secretary