

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
July 14, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, David McTigue, Kleta Dudley, Karen Miller and Susan Mallett

ABSENT: Michael Bara, Jack Messe, Matt Oliveria

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm

Prior minutes were reviewed and approved

Bob noted the need for about 10 signs for trails. Bob asked if Dave could do them, even if just one a month.

- Bob to map out where the signs should go and make a list.

Discussed the bridging materials needed for Old Schoolhouse Trail. Should be just a couple of planks.

Currier trail gate is fixed. Is there a master key used by the town (fire/police) that we could have locks keyed to?

- Sue to ask police and fire chiefs if a master key exists and if locks could be keyed to the master.

Trash at Rhodes – Discussed who might be leaving trash at Rhodes. Is it laziness or are hikers picking up trash and leaving it where it will be collected? Hoping for the latter.

Discussed Scenic Roads – What they are and the process to make them official (warrant article). Like easements Bob would like to track these roads as well on the Landscape software.

Still have 4 or 5 sites that need to be monitored. Kellogg, Williston (Binney Hill) were among those mentioned

Bob noted the Commission has some money, and asked if anyone had ideas for land that could be purchased.

There is a parcel of land owned by someone out of town. Bob will write up a letter to Mr. Hoage and we will get it mailed out to the address online.

Discussed Brook Haven subdivision, it will be 2 lots combined to one larger lot, subdivided into 10 lots. It was noted that the Planning board should consider the aquifers and habitats. It was noted that the Planning Board gave conditional approval and sent it to the ZBA. Bob will speak with Dee and Lou of the Planning Board. Bob also noted we need to communicate between boards better.

Discussed the Somero (map 13/lot 34) lots on Ashburnham Road. The two houses are planned to be close to the road. Need to make sure they are not on the flowage rights area (should be noted in deed). Bob has mentioned the flowage rights to the Planning Board.

Bob noted our Building Inspector does not live in town and covers 3 towns. Bob feels he should be spending time patrolling town and a discussion of the property next to police station was brought up as an example.

Discussed maybe a form or something for those with and "Intent To Develop", it could have checkboxes for the following and include what is involved to get those permits.

- Timber Cut
- Wetlands
- ZBA
- * Building
- * Excavation
- * Alteration of Terrain (AoT)
- * Driveway
- * Any others come to mind?

A short discussion among the members about how this might work, online vs. paper forms. Everyone should think on this and bring forward suggestions.

At 9:00 a MOTION to adjourn was made by Kleta Dudley, and SECONDED by Karen Miller, All were in agreement.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Mallett