

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, David McTigue, Kleta Dudley, Matt Oliveira, and Susan Mallett

ABSENT: Michael Bara, Jack Messe, Karen Miller

AUDIENCE: Bert Hamill, Selectman

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

Bob Boynton made a MOTION to approve the minutes for August and September, Kleta Dudley SECONDED, and all were in agreement.

Williams Property trail signage: Bob is negotiating with local venter over \$900 for the order. Boundary signs, made of metal / aluminum. Bob to see who Monadnock Conservancy uses. Can only use the signs when no 3rd party owner. If other property owner, they do their own signs. Bert Hamill suggests getting the signs pre-drilled.

Bridge for Old Schoolhouse Trail: Bob is looking for planks and a way to get them to the site.

Bob shared a worksheet showing which sites need boundary markers.

Bob noted we need to seek new easements. Conservation Commission pays expenses. He suggests to start with a minimum lot size, such as 30 acres or more and have a natural benefit, i.e. trails, and not something like a sand pit. Bob would like to focus on 30 Plus acres and higher income owners.

Prime Wetlands: Made Tophet Swamp Prime Wetland. Bob asks that suggested lands be brought forward to the commission. What makes a Prime Wetland? Typically, a wetland receives this designation because of its large size, unspoiled character and ability to sustain populations of rare or threatened plant and animal species. Bob would like to focus on over 40 acre lots.

Bob nominated Susan Mallett as an alternate member, Kleta SECONDED, all were in favor.

The question on whether scenic roads should have signage was brought up. It was suggested to have them at either end with contact information to prevent unauthorized tree cutting. Matt noted not to over-post.

David has a couple of signs ready to go for Nussdorfer site.

Tax map refinement was discussed next, Jim suggests 3 person committee composed of those who would benefit from the maps. Such as a representative from Planning Board, Conservation Commission and Assessors. Bob says Conservation Commission has tax maps and it will be \$50K to fix the tax maps. Then perhaps do the committee later. The CC has the overlays already, just need to update the base layer. Bert suggests working with others to see what others would like and have second layer. Bob notes he won't do a committee.

Nominations: Bob nominates David McTigue as the Vice Chair with term ending in 2024, Matt SECONDS all are in favor.

Bob thinks he is in last year of his term.

Bob nominates Kleta as an Alternate, Matt SECONDS, all were in favor.

Matt nominates Bob as Chair, Dave SECONDS, all were in favor.

Matt made a MOTION to approve paying the ESRI bill for \$400, Dave SECONDED, and all were in favor.

Matt made a MOTION to approve NH Association of Conservation Commissions, Dave SECONDED, and all were in favor.

A MOTION to adjourn was made by Bob Boynton, and SECONDED by Kleta Dudley, All in attendance were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Mallett