

Conservation Commission Meeting 5/3/22

Jenny and Tom absent

- Review and approval of March Minutes
 - Approved
 - Jessamyn will post
- Ridgeline submitted grant to ATA for Sayward; should hear in June regarding award.
- Ellis Management Plan
 - Brendan sent Forest Management Plan to Donna Foster at VLT regarding language for timber harvest/ timber stand improvement. Reply pending.
 - Community survey – 43 responses so far. Most users in Randolph Village and center; most heard about it from ROC or word of mouth; seasonally and monthly; mostly with friends and family; primary use in summer; walking/hiking, cycling, nature highest uses. Additional text and feedback responses. Some responses feel we could do more programming. Is horseback riding permitted? Response indicated ROC closed trails to horses.
 - One more month of promotion. Jessamyn to post on FPF and FB this week; Emily will post in 1-2 weeks.
- Reservoir Plans – VLT asked Trevor for more detail on the site work and reasoning for why this is the only viable solution and details on the restoration of the old site. Easement doesn't speak to structures at all that complicates the approval by VLT. Trevor provided some additional information. B to forward to RCC. Project likely to be delayed for a year – perhaps due to funding?
- Stormwater discharge at S Pleasant St Forest
 - Brendan and Chandler visited in March.
 - Drainage point from back of cemetery – flow down embankment with stone placed to protect the channel. Downstream end (75') there is some erosion and minor headcutting and moving downstream into flat area near the trails. Doesn't appear to be going directly into the river. Looks bad but likely not an immediate water quality issue. Water enters through 2' culvert at top end; culvert has separated and water exiting before the end of the culvert. Recommend replacing the culvert to avoid eventual failure. Armor the downstream area? Erosion has weakened trees in the area in the past.
 - Motion to send a write up to the town suggesting they address the culvert
 - Moved by Jessamyn, Seconded by Brendan
 - Passed 7-0
 - Chandler to write memo
- Old Business
 - Jessamyn got bank account amount - \$12,583.19
 - Did anyone check if Harrison is "official"? Brendan will confirm with Kim. Make sure Zoe is removed from the website.
 - Can someone reach out to Tom? Has not attended a meeting in many months. Jessamyn will.
- New Business
 - Donna Foster left Brendan a VM to ask if we were entertaining putting money towards conservation easements. Responded with generally yes. Waiting for more information from Donna.
 - Issue several years ago regarding RCC giving money towards a property at the Interchange and town wanted it back.

- RCC has some older material for applications for requests for money towards conservation easements. Usually land trust on behalf of a property owner.
 - Harrison volunteers to review the existing materials – located on the website
- We will rotate who does minutes while Jenny is away
- Next meeting June 7 in person tentatively
- Adjourn at 6:41pm