

ECC Minutes, 08-24-15

Present: Sarah Downes, Nancy Patch, Cynthia Scott, Dan Cunningham, Dennis Williams and Ben Maddox.

Absent: Wendy Scott, Maggie Young and Kurtis Rogers.

The meeting was called to order by Chair S. Downes at 7:10 pm.

The first order of business was nominations for positions in the Commission. Nancy nominated Sarah for Chair, Cynthia seconded. Dennis nominated Ben for Vice-Chair, Nancy seconded. Cynthia nominated Dan for Secretary, Nancy seconded. Nancy nominated Cynthia for Treasurer, Dennis seconded. Dan moved to cast one ballot for the slate, Nancy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Nancy brought up the issue of where the Conservation Commission stands in the 5-year conservation fund. Sarah will check with the Town Clerk.

Sarah mentioned the Sue Morse presentation on bears in the North Country on 9 September. Dan and Cynthia will post on Front Page Forum after Nancy sends out the poster via email. Nancy mentioned the ads have been paid, and that she hopes to get one more 'Keeping Track' program with Sue Morse prior to her retiring.

Nancy volunteered to visit Island Park to check on the status of invasives; if necessary, the Commission will meet in September on a date to be determined to continue work on removing the invasives.

Nancy mentioned she contacted the Northern Forest Canoe Trail regarding the Brownway, and they proposed building a floating ladder and stone steps, 3-4 primitive tent sites and a picnic table. The Select Board will need to be contacted for approval of a privy.

The schedule for the next several months was discussed as follows:

OCTOBER 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015: Trail work at the Town Forest at 0900. Nancy agreed to mark a trail in advance.

NOVEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015: Regular business meeting.

DECEMBER 2015: No meeting.

JANUARY 2016: Movie night with light refreshments.

FEBRUARY 2016: Snowshoe at Town Forest on a Sunday.

MARCH 2016: Town Meeting and regular business meeting. It was noted that petitions have to be in by January for Nancy, Dennis and Cynthia – Town Forest Commission nominees.

MAY 2016: Bird Walk. Nancy will contact Bridget for price.

APRIL 2016: Possible owl walk.

Cynthia presented the financial report; the Commission has a total of \$3194.35 in assets. Dennis moved to accept the report, Nancy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Ben moved to adjourn and Nancy seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Cunningham, Secretary