



NEWTON CONSERVATION



COMMISSION DATE: Wednesday, April 13, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order at 7:00pm via Roll Call Vote: Chairperson Alicia Geilen, Vice Chair Nancy Slombo, Sandy Estabrook and Trisha McCarthy

Pledge of Allegiance

Guests: Adam Bunnell, Paul Ott, Rosemary Huson, David Gaudet, Jasmine Healey, Patrick Trusty, Ken Hamilton, Bob White

Discussion re: Busch Farm

1. OHRV's are damaging the vegetation, not slowing down when there are horses present, making jumps damaging wetlands, making wetland crossing where there should be any.
2. Oil from vehicles is getting into wetlands
3. Discussed signs that mention slowing down when horses are present
4. A few abutters offered to cut down some of the invasive vegetation
5. Marking the perimeter trail and adding speed limits
6. Discussed not making a bigger parking lot
7. Reminders that OHRV's should not be riding on the gas lines
8. Emergency Vehicles need access
9. Possible Kiosk near entrance
10. Hire an environmental firm to map the property
11. Suggestion made to create a Facebook page (but have it a closed group)

Bob White (resident) asking about getting access to his property (map11 lot15-1) via an easement across Town owned land. Showed us the vote in 2009. McCarthy will look through the records to get a status update.

Correspondence:

NHACC annual dues bill. Motion by Slombo to pay invoice for \$300.00, from the budget line item #4611111, second by Estabrook, all in favor.

Letter from DES Land Resource Management File #2022-00836 regarding 12 Brenner Drive. DES will keep us advised.

Other homes that are filling in Wetlands: 55 Amesbury Rd., 74 Pond Street. McCarthy will send letters to them and contact DES.

Received a check from Land and Community Heritage for \$1000.00. This check is for the Stewardship Committee for Hidden Acres Farm. Motion by Slombo, second by Geilen, all in favor, to accept the check and give to Treasurer to deposit into the Stewardship Account.

Motion by Geilen, seconded by Estabrook to post Public Hearing for Gale Village on 5/25/22 @7pm

Motion by Geilen to adjourn at 9:35pm, second by Slombo, all in favor
Respectfully, Trisha McCarthy

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