



NEWTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

DATE: Thursday, May 6, 2021 @6:30pm

Location: 2 Town Hall Rd (large hall)

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order at 6:44pm via Roll Call Vote: Chairperson Alicia Geilen, Vice Chair Nancy Slombo, Sandy Estabrook, Trisha McCarthy, Selectman Liaison Kate Michaels. Minutes transcribed by Trisha McCarthy.

Pledge of Allegiance

Correspondence:

- DES: Wetland Bureau: Registration for routine roadway maintenance for a culvert replacement or repair n Whittier Street (longitude -71.062891, latitude 42.866685) existing pipe 3/30' and proposed is 3/41.6'
- DES: Forestry Statutory Permit-by-Notification (file#021-01279) permit valid till 4/28/2023. Permit is administratively complete, and work must be done according to conditions
- DES: Incomplete Expedited Minimum Impact Wetlands Permit Application- (file# 2021-01316) 17 Wenmarks Rd.
- SELT Newsletter (South East Land Trust)

Discussions:

- Discussed language for "NO PARKING" signs on conservation property. Also discussed signs saying no motorized vehicles/no ATV's/no off-road vehicles etc. Need to purchase 6 signs. Locations will be on Peanut trail (both ends) and Old Lower Road and Peanut Trail where vehicles from Tara Lane are entering trail.
- Motion by Geilen to have McCarthy purchase 6 signs not to exceed \$300.00, second by Estabrook and all in favor. Language for signs will be as discussed.
- Discussed fallen tree on conservation land behind Quaker Grove Cemetery. Needs to be removed. Getting prices for removal. (it's in a difficult location to get at)
- Contact boy scouts or girl scouts to see if they want to help clean up trails. McCarthy will reach out.
- Motion by Slombo to accept minutes of 4/1/21 meeting as amended, second by Estabrook and all in favor

- Michaels suggested looking for pamphlets that conservation could share with other town departments and/or people moving into town. Information regarding environmental protections, solar panels and ways to preserve land. Basically, anything that would benefit our environment and natural resources.
- Discussed the Historic Chamber in Newton and ways to protect it. Still an open topic being worked on.

Notice of Decisions from Planning Board: (see attached)

- 9c Puzzle Lane
- 125 Development (36 lot subdivision)
- 35 Currierville Rd
- 52 Pond St & backland
- 45 Highland St & backland
- 103 North Main

Respectfully, Trisha McCarthy