



Bennington Conservation Commission
April 15, 2021
Zoom Meeting Minutes

Deb Davidson is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Conservation Commission Zoom Meeting

Time: Apr 15, 2021 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Agenda

1. **Attendance** – Chairman, Mike Munhall, Joe McGregor, Stephen Willette, Jon Manley, Tom James, Zach Anderson

Guest – Danny Veverka

Minutes – Debra Davidson

2. **Minutes from March** – Motion by Jon Manley to accept the Minutes from the March meeting as written. Seconded by Joe McGregor. All in favor. Minutes accepted.

3. **Reports**

- a. River Committee – Manley stated there is nothing to report, the next meeting is Monday, April 19, he will report back at the next meeting. Munhall asked Davidson if she could look into the annual dues and if or when they were paid.
- b. Eagle Project – Danny Veverka reported that the rods have been cut to size and fit the markings very well. He is hoping to get the signs in this coming Saturday or Sunday (April 17 or April 18). He further stated, they are looking very nice. He will be meeting with Joe & Mike and discuss engraving the numbers. Mike and Joe will meet with Dan will let Mike & Joe know when he is in the forest. Mike asked when the Eagle Ceremony will be? Dan is not sure yet, but he will inform Mike when it takes place.

4. **Old Business**

- a. Deering Townline Perambulation – Perambulation was scheduled for this weekend, it was agreed to postpone the perambulation until the fall. Motion by Steve to postpone the Perambulation until the fall, late October preferably. Seconded by Mike Munhall. Unanimous vote in the affirmative. Motion Passed.

- b. Poster Contest – Chairman Munhall discussed and provided copies of the poster contest drawings. The winner is Ethan B. & Kenny D., “Please Recycle Bennington”. Chairman Munhall recommended investing \$100.00 to Tenny’s Icecream and provide each applicant a GC to Tenny’s Icecream. Motion by Joe McGregor to award each child a Gift Card to Tenny’s for IceCream, Seconded by Mike Munhall. All in favor. Motion: Passed Unanimously.
- c. Camperships – One new application, and One from last year who remains. The winner will be announced on Earth Day. The two applicants will both be offered the campership opportunity.
- d. Earth Day Plans - Saturday May 1, 9:00 AM – Everything is all set to go forward. Tom James asked for a sign to post at the Transfer Station, Joe McGregor has a sign to put in his window at the garage. It was agreed that Joe & Mike will help Steve get his tent ready Friday, April 30, 2021 at 4:00 PM
 - i. Road Signs
 - ii. Bags
 - iii. Collection Truck
 - iv. Vests
 - v. Map for assignments
 - vi. Tent
 - vii. Food
- e. River At Risk - on Youtube <https://youtu.be/62mWQcQvM3w> it was discussed this is a great video to watch

5. New Business

- a. Well water testing – Chairman Munhall discussed other communities offer Conservation Commissions help residents with testing their wells. Discussion followed. This will be looked into further.
- b. Conservation Easements – Chairman Munhall provided a map of Conservation Easements within Bennington, the map was discussed and reviewed.
- c. Trails – Steve Willette mentioned his son has raked the trails in the forest. It is very much appreciated by everyone.
- d. Daisies – Zach Allen reported the Daisies are preparing for the Bruce Edes Rock planting.
- e. Minute Taker – Deb Davidson discussed her duties have recently changed and asked if they need

GOALS for 2021

- Continuing to work to get the Board of Selectmen to commit to getting the depot restored and functional.
- Continue to work on finding uses for the Old Stagecoach and Durgin Road properties.
- Find at least two new members to be on the Commission that would increase the diversity of the membership. **PARTIALLY** ● Pursue grants to fund our projects.
- Tally town and current use properties to see what can be done to make them accessible to the public.
- Maintain what we currently have:
 - Work with Eagle Scout to complete his kiosk and plant tagging
 - Repair benches in the forest **DONE**
- Do more educational outreach
- Perambulate the Deering townline.
- Work to get the trestle opened and explore a bike trail.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55. The next Conservation Commission meeting will be on May 18, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,
Debra Davidson