

Bennington Conservation Commission

March 18, 2021 at 6:30 PM

Zoom Meeting Minutes

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 970 8041 5569

Passcode: 462538

Mike Munhall called the meeting to order via Zoom at 6:30 PM.

Present: Mike Munhall, Joe MacGregor, Stephen Willette, Jon Manley, Zach Allen.

Absent: Gary MacKinnon, Tom James

Guest: Danny Veverka

Minutes:

Motion by John Manley to accept the minutes of the February 18, 2021 meeting with changes. Second by Joe MacGregor. All in favor. Minutes were accepted with amendments.

Changes noted: University of Michigan changed to Northern Michigan

- Page 1 -Dan will give the stencils to the ConCom
- Page 2 - John Manly should be Jon Manley
- Page 2 - The River Committee will review the existing River Management Plan vs. he will review the existing River Management Plan
- Page 2 - Patti Long changed to a Town resident
- Page 3 – flyers changed to signs
- Page 3 – State changed to site

Reports:

Eagle Scout Project: Danny Veverka provided pictures of the signs and numbers for the identification of plants project. They painted 45 signs in approximately one hour. They will have to dry, he is very happy with how they have come out. He will get a second coat within the next week or two. The scouts are busy next week so he is hoping to finish up within the next two weeks. Discussion of finalizing the plants so the brochure can be available at the same time of the number install.

Danny mentioned he is hoping to finish his Eagle and will be around for a while. If he needs, he will be available via online meetings. Danny further thanked everyone for their support and further stated they were all great to work with.

River Committee:

- It was mentioned that the River Committee had not received their annual check as of Monday.

Old Business:

- Poster Contest – There have been two entries so far. There will be 5 or 6 more from Pierce School. Mike Munhall will send out the designs to be printed by May 1.
- Camperships to Harris Center – There are still two spots reserved in the Rovers program for grades 4-6, July 5-9, 2021. There will be a poster at the Library, and an article will be in the Monadnock Ledger next week.

New Business:

- **Webinar** – Next week there will be a webinar on March 25 from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm about the FEMA Risk Mapping Assessment & Planning, Jon Manley may be able to attend.
- **Professional Development** – <http://www.nhacc.org/resources/> is a great reference.
- **Annual Conference** – The first Saturday in November.
- **Building Permits** – ConCom discussed possibly reviewing all new building permits in an effort to assess wetlands impacts etc., also discussed was that ConCom should be receiving Timber and Gravel Permits. This was an article that was passed by a town meeting vote. ConCom should be getting copies of these applications. A formal request to receive these will be sent to the Selectmen's Office.
- **New Culvert Installs** – Conservation Commission used to weigh in on this. With a new road agent, this is a good time to again participate in the oversight. A formal request to assist will also be sent to the Selectmen's Office.
- **Earth Day Cleanup** – Reminder Earth Day Cleanup is currently scheduled for Saturday, May 1, 2021 9AM to Noon. Zach Allen will go to Costco and obtain everything needed to prepare "kits" for everyone who participates. Steve Willette discussed registering in person, he will donate his tent. Joe McGregor will reach out to Hancock & Greenfield for signs, he will further reach out to the town about picking up bags. Discussion of the Mill participating followed. Flyers will be ready and provided to the school before May 1, 2021.
- **Rhubarb Festival** – Discussion of ConCom having a table at the Festival, as well as the possibility of participating in the parade. Ideas were discussed.

Other Matters:

Rockwell property - Jon Manley stated he would like to walk the Rockwell property, near wetlands on Durgin Rd. There is a large sawdust pile, that nothing has been done with, it has potential to ease into the wetlands. ConCom will keep an eye on it.

Perambulation - Zach Allen asked about the perambulation, the Committee discussed times. It was determined to Start with the Deering Town line in April. Joe MacGregor indicated he has a binder that he has been putting together regarding the Town boundary. After discussion it was determined April 17, 2021 will begin the perambulation, with a back up date of April 24, 2021.

NH Division of Forest Society – Steve Willette discussed April 1 at 8:00 pm, NHPBS (Channel 11) will be airing a program of Rivers at Risk.

The next ConCom meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 15, at 6:30 pm.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Davidson, Recording Secretary