

Minutes APPROVED

Called to order at 6:31 PM

Present: Zach Allen, Pat Long, Jon Manley, Joe MacGregor, Mike Munhall, Steve Willette

Minutes of March 2022 Spelling correction on Peter Leishman and addition of Zach Allen 2024 for membership. Approved as corrected.

Mail - none

Reports/Announcements

- River Committee updating River Management Plan, donation given to World Wildlife Fund in honor of a member who passed, Jon mentioned Bennington cleanup day
- Items from NHACC newsletter
 - It is important to identify water resources, educate landowners, and support stream restoration projects to protect streams. Your commission can learn about these significant resources using available data in the mapping programs below.
 - NH Fish & Game Fish Survey Map
 - Wildlife Action Plan Habitat Type
 - Aquatic Restoration Mapper
 - Stewardship Habitat -Shorelines
- Communication from town hall: intents...
 - Two Intents to Excavate on Routes 31 and 47 for a total of 90,000 CY Concern was raised as to whether the Planning Board had approved either recently or as the continuation of a previous decision.
 - We have been notified by the Planning Board of a scheduled site walk for 6:15 p.m. on Monday, May 9, for a minor subdivision of Map 21,

lot 2-B, at 298 North Bennington Road. The owner intends to subdivide the property into three lots. Jon Manley will attend. Jon Manley will attend...possibly others.

Old business

• Conservation Fund Account 4/2022 > \$72,908 3/2019 > \$43,467 \$29,441increase

- Master Plan updates -
 - Trestle Jon Manley called Peter Leishman for a new estimate on the repairs to the trestle, no response. He called the Head of Trails who wants to see the plans before commenting.
- Town Engagement \$800
 - A discussion was conducted about the best way to use the funds in our budget for town engagement. The consensus is that we need to use the funds for programs that meet the needs of more students and adults than previous programs. To that end, we contacted the below organizations to find out about their programs. We will discuss with the Library the frequency of use of museum passes.
 - Harris Center work at Pierce School Sponsor the Forest Walks
 - UNH Marine docent program \$60 both adult and student programs.
 - o Squam Lake Nature Center Family passes \$300
 - Seacoast Science Center
 - Fish and Game

MOTION: We will split the funds in three ways for now...

\$200 for Docents

\$300 for Harris Center

\$300 on hold until further study.

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- Monarch Waystations nothing new
- Little Library nothing new

New Business

- Selection of Sign winner 19 submissions will be presented at the meeting for a decision. A design was chosen. All entrants will receive an ice cream coupon.
- Earth Day Plans MAY 7, 9-noon Joe, Pat and Steve will be away.
 - Seed distribution at dump May 1 Jon (10-1) Joe (1-4)
 - O Signs yard and Jumbotron Mike
 - O Snacks Zach
 - O Bags, vests, gloves Mike
 - Tent? Jon will bring his tent to be set up at 7:30AM
 - O Displays Jon: Maps, NRI
 - Road signage state DOT Joe has done this
 - Town truck for collection. Zach and Jon will operate this
 - Earth Day Sign for Depot Mike
 - Water and Coffee Jon
 - O Sign up sheet Mike
 - O Town Map Mike
 - o Depot Scheduled as headquarters

Final Comments

- Crotched Mtn trail needs markers Pat
- Bennington Trail needs major rerouting Zach will lead the team to take care of this. Probably won't begin until mid summer
- Steve and Joe cleared the trails in the Edes Forest
- Steve requested that the bench in the middle of the Forest be turned and moved so that those sitting on it will be able to see the cathedral-like view in the middle of the Forest. There was no objection.

Motion to adjourn by Joe MacGregor Second by Pat Long Unanimous Adjournment at 7:46PM

Recorded by Mike Munhall