



Bennington Conservation Commission

April 21, 2022 6:30 PM at the Depot

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,

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)
 - Signs - yard and Jumbotron Mike
 - Snacks - Zach
 - Bags, vests, gloves - Mike
 - Tent? Jon will bring his tent to be set up at 7:30AM
 - 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
 - Sign up sheet - Mike
 - Town Map - Mike
 - 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