



**Bennington Conservation Commission**  
**September 15, 2022 6:30 PM at the Depot**

**Minutes**

**Call to order: 6:29PM**

**Present:** Zach Allen, Christina Hahn, Tom James, Pat Long, Joe MacGregor,  
Mike Munhall, Steve Willette

**Absent:** Jon Manley

**Minutes:** Accepted Unanimously

**Mail:** None

**Reports**

- **River Committee** - the committee meets next week. We discussed whether the River Committee has or knows of speakers on environmental topics we could hire for town talks. Joe will check. This discussion brought up water quality in town. The town well pump has been broken for some time but is in the process of being fixed. Currently we are using Antrim water. It was mentioned that at least one member of the Commission has found their home water containing considerable sediment. Zach Allen shared some of his information about the river water quality and the forms he uses for collecting his data.
  
- Items from NHACC newsletter -
  - **NHACC Annual Meeting**, November 5 at Pembroke Academy- we need to send someone. **Pat Long** will see if she can go.
  
- **Communication from town hall** (Tom James):

**Old Business**

- **Bruce's Birthday Forest Walk** - was a success with Bruce's wife, daughter and son-in-law attending along with some Bennington people.

- **Rockwell Pollinator Garden** - Selectmen have given us permission to develop this property. **Pat Long** will lead the planning. She will scout the property out soon.
- **Antrim/Bible Hill Pollinator Garden** - a tangled mess, the triangle needs clearing. November 19 at 9AM has been set for a cleanup day. Linda Willette has offered perennials and a tractor to improve the spot.
- **Town Engagement** - Jon Manley has a brochure for UNH Docents as a possible speaker. Other possible speakers include Dale Russell on trains in the area, Doug Cygan of the NH Forest Service. Joe will check with Greenfield to see who they had to speak about water quality and how successful it was. Community Suppers are starting up again, we might sign for one and have a speaker. Tom will have Stephanie Mackesy contact Mike about signing the BCC up for a date.
- **Master Plan** - We need to set a work session to map out all the current use properties
- **Bennington Trail** This Saturday, Zach and Joe will blaze the trail. The switchbacks will be taken care of at a later date
- **Forest benches** - Steve will get the new bench built sometime before the end of the year.
- **New less rocky blue trail** - there is a possible path that will be addressed on the clean up day
- **Harris Center Hike-a-thon** - Zach is forming a team to which people can contribute.

### New Business

- **The Forest Clean Up Day** will be December 3 @9:00 AM after leaves have fallen and hopefully before snow.
- **Website** - Mike is working on a website for the Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46PM

Minutes by Mike Munhall