



BENNINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

October 21, 2021, 6:30 PM

Minutes for ANNUAL MEETING

PRESENT: Zach Allen, Tom James, Pat Long, Joe MacGregor, Jon Manley, Mike Munhall

MINUTES of September 16, 2021 meeting - approved

PRESENTATION: As a new member, Pat Long was presented with a Bennington Conservation Commission T-shirt and Cap.

MAIL - Status of Resolution on Properties -

REPORTS

River Committee

OLD BUSINESS

Distributed the NHACC Commission Manuals to members.

Resolution Selectmen have taken no stand on our request for title clearance on Old Stage property made in August.

Master Plan updates

Water Quality - Zach

Work with Planning on Commercial/Industrial areas - Mike

Land Use Change Tax - Joe

Rail Trail - Steve and Jon

Alternate water sites - Jon

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Forest Maintenance Saturday OCTOBER 23 meet at the depot at 9 AM

Deering Townline Perambulation Saturday NOVEMBER 6 meet at Bennington Garage at 9 AM

DEPOT: It was discussed that the shrub by the Edes rock had been removed during the excavation for the new ramp contrary to promises by the Selectmen that it would be left there. The shrub was planted by the Edes family in memory of Bruce Edes. It was agreed that the Selectmen should be approached about the replacement of the Edes shrub.

GOALS FOR 2022

- 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.
- 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: Annual clean up roads and forest
- Do more educational outreach (specifics)
- Perambulate the *Greenfield* townline.
- Work to get the trestle opened and explore a bike trail.

2022 Budget - Zach Allen proposed that additional funding be included for community outreach.

NEXT MEETING: November 18 -

GOALS for 2021 *current status*

- Continuing to work to get the Board of Selectmen to commit to getting the depot restored and functional. ***Partially - painted interior. Selectmen have hired a painter for the exterior***
- Continue to work on finding uses for the Old Stagecoach and Durgin Road properties. **Passed a resolution given to the Selectmen about Old Stagecoach property, waiting for reply from Selectmen**
- *Find at least two new members to be on the Commission that would increase the diversity of the membership.* **Accomplished**
- 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* **DONE**
 - *Repair benches in the forest* **Accomplished**
- Do more educational outreach
- Perambulate the Deering townline.
- Work to get the trestle opened and explore a bike trail.

Recorded by Mike Munhall