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CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Boscawen Municipal Complex
August 17, 2021
Draft Minutes

Present: Thomas Gilmore— Chair; Lyman Cousens; Norman LaPierre; Mark Kaplan; Henry Carrier; Jeff Abbe

Absent: Matt Burdick

Staff Present: Kearsten O'Brien— Planning and Community Development Assistant

Regular Business:

Open by Chair at 7:00 pm.

Accountant's Report: The Forest Fund balance looks good, Chair Gilmore questioned the amount in the Conservation fund. The Commission is waiting on the Morrill Easement and the Walker Pond acquisition. Chair Gilmore inquired about the status of the deed regarding Walker Pond. Planning and Community Development Assistant O'Brien stated she will check with Planning and Community Development Director Kellee Easler.

Review Minutes 07. 20. 21 – Chair Gilmore asked for a correction to the date to be made, motioning to accept the minutes as amended. Seconded by Mr. Kaplan. All in favor. None opposed.

Old Business:

Town Forest Update: Mr. Abbe stated that he needs outside help, such as volunteers to help maintain the Town Forest. The Commission's main focus should be getting maps on the trail kiosk along with trail signage. Mr. Abbe recommended using a numbering system for trail connections. Mr. Cousens asked what is holding up the maps. Mr. Abbe responded that he is waiting for trail names and intersections to be added to the maps. Assistant O'Brien stated that she will check with Primex about the insurance requirements for volunteers on Town property, including possibly using the Boys and Girls Scouts. Mr. Abbe would also like to streamline the volunteer application, and he will get in contact with Matt Lampron who works with the Boy Scouts. September 11, 2021 is the estimated date for a Town Forest Volunteer day.

Mr. Cousens asked what the hold-up was with the Morrill Easement. Assistant O'Brien said she would check with Director Easler.

New Business:

Intent to Cut at Hirst Marsh, equals about 11 acres. Chair Gilmore believes the Forest Society had to do a reassessment of the property. A discussion ensued about Land Use Change Tax and what amount goes to Conservation. Mr. Kaplan asked the Committee if they have given any thought to climate mitigation, Assistant O'Brien stated that the Economic Development Committee is thinking of ideas for solar panels as well.

Mr. Lapierre motioned to adjourn. Mr. Cousens seconded. All in favor. None Opposed.

Next Meeting:

• September 21, 2021

Respectfully submitted, Crystal Tuttle, Recording Secretary