



Meeting Minutes September 8, 2020

Present: Todd Hathaway, John Gabour, Liz Wilson, Ben Bade, Sandy Goodspeed, Dan McCombs, Scott Pim (7:07)

Absent: Joseph Trombley

Call to Order: 7:05 p.m.

Admin:

Photo Contest

Dan presented the winning photo of this year's contest, Lady Slippers at Camp Hedding, taken by Ross Clark. The photo will be displayed in the Library and Dan will post it to social media and our website. The Members unanimously agreed to reimburse Dan \$49.99 for the print.

Minutes

The Minutes from July were submitted and the Members had no changes.

Route 125 Expansion Committee

A committee of local and state stakeholders has been created for the proposed Route 125 expansion, presently contemplated for 2025. Scott agreed to serve as the ECC representative with Sandy, Liz, and Dan participating when they can.

Budget, Financial Report, and Expenses

John indicated that we have in Escrow \$3,716, LUCT 63,127.36,. There is also \$1,433.01 left of the \$2,000 budgeted from Town funding.

Warrant Articles

Sandy submitted proposed language for two warrant articles to the Town Administrator who will send it to Town Counsel. One proposes converting Dimond Hill Road, Class VI to a Class A trail and a second one authorizes the conservation commission to expend funds to purchase interests in land outside the boundaries of our municipality, subject to the approval of the local governing body.

Properties

Hall Easement



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Ben indicated that signs are set to be installed September 19th.

Hoar Pond

Sandy and Ben are working on “pack in and pack out” signage. The Members agreed that 10 generic signs for use at all properties would be appropriate; about \$150.

Fox Run

The replacement alphabet letters are ready and waiting to be installed. Liz indicated that it does not look like the school science teacher will have time in the near future to contribute to the project, but she will revisit in the coming weeks. Ben will refurbish the Park sign when time allows. With respect to the concrete weir, the DPW does not want to get involved without Selectboard input and/or wetland permitting. Scott agreed that wetlands permitting may be required, and wondered whether local graduate students who recently reached out to us looking for projects might be interested in coordinating. They would likely need a budget, but part of the project could be to advocate for a budget. Liz agreed to submit all required paperwork and act as liaison.

George Falls Woods

Sandy is still looking at creating a better parking area and signage, but it may not happen until October. Todd obtained a quote for a sign like Miriam Jackson from Summit Signs; approximately \$1000 for wooden posts and \$3600 for granite posts. Sandy will submit the sign proposals to LRAC for possible funding.

Folsom

DPW is going to replace the boulders at the west trail entrance.

Clarke Farm

Sandy conveyed to SELT our general interest in contributing support of \$15,000, in exchange for a partial conservation easement stake. The project appears to be moving forward.

Miriam Jackson

The new park sign is in place and Sandy obtained more information about a sign/marker providing historical details. Sandy proposed a metal sign that is slightly tilted. Size would be 18x24”. The Members unanimously agreed with the proposed design and authorized up to



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\$1000 towards the project. Sandy will also submit the proposal to LRAC for possible funding.

Hoar Pond

Sandy will also submit a quote and design to LRAC for Hoar Pond signage as well; same quote as George Falls Woods with granite posts.

Beard Sand Pit

Liz indicated that required proposals from the land owners were not submitted to DEA and/or EPA, but she has not heard anything further about the status. She'll continue to monitor and update us. Todd will follow-up again with Planning and or NHACC about the continued concern over our ability to enforce/prohibit violations.

Tech Update

Dan indicated that we are getting sparse traffic on our website (mostly on the properties and trails page), and recommended continuing our web hosting agreement. The Members unanimously agreed to reimburse Dan \$107.88 for the renewal fee.

Miscellaneous

Scott noticed the State's berm work at Route 125 and 27 and it looks like they have commenced some invasives control, but only in a small area. Scott will raise the issue of invasive species control at next month's Route 125 corridor meeting.

Adjourn: 8:03 P.M.

Next Meeting: October 13, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Todd Hathaway

Todd Hathaway, Secretary