



**Meeting Minutes  
February 9, 2021**

**Present:** Todd Hathaway, Dan McCombs, Scott Pim, Ben Bade, Sandy Goodspeed, Joseph Trombley

**Absent:** Liz Wilson

**Call to Order:** 7:04 p.m.

**PERMITS**

**Apple Way Pool Project – Paige Libbey, Jones & Beach**

Ms. Libbey was present with the Accordo family for a conditional use permit for a pool and shed project within the wetland buffer (2200 square feet of impact) at Prescott Orchards. The impact is within a lawn area primarily, but does extend into a treeline as well. The Members discussed their traditional view that such a project would typically not be endorsed as it is not necessary to access or provide the sole economically beneficial use of the property. The wetland was recently re-delineated, but it appears that even when the house was built approximately five years ago, a pool would have been within the original buffer zone. The owners bought the lot and had the house built approximately five years ago and did not have any thoughts at that time about a pool. Todd expressed concern about precedent for providing exceptions for pools within buffer zones, particularly in this neighborhood, which likely has numerous homes close to the buffer line. Joseph indicated that there are actually a number of other houses abutting the same wetland in a similar situation. Based on the concerns, Paige and the Accordos indicated that they would return with a plan showing the old buffer line, possible relocation proposals, evidence of history of overall mitigation efforts for the whole development project, and additional mitigation proposals for this specific project.

**PROPERTIES**

**Mary Blair Park:**

Survey payment – Scott indicated that the \$1200 approved by the Commission for the survey payment has not been paid. On Motion from Scott, seconded by Sandy, the Members unanimously agreed to re-approve the \$1200 for the survey. Scott will follow-up with the Town regarding payment.

We are waiting for warmer weather for signage placement. Sandy is working with DPW on signage language.

The disturbance/encroachment at the river line came in through a neighbor complaint.



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**The State (Forestry) was apparently looking into it, but there is no indication that DES has a matter open. Scott has been following up, and will continue to press DES.**

**Truck removal: Sandy is working with DPW on this.**

**Mary Blair Park Historic Trail Signs: Todd reported that we are still aiming to complete them by spring.**

**Fox Run**

**Ben took the sign down and back to his house to work on. He has refinished and carved the letters. They are ready for paint and urethane.**

**Miriam Jackson Historic sign**

**Sandy reports that the sign is in progress. Will be installed in spring. She will ask the sign maker to submit an invoice for work to date.**

**Dimond Hill**

**Ben indicated that additional signage placement is deferred until spring.**

**Beard Sand Pit**

**Sandy will follow-up with the Planning personnel. Liz was not present for an update. Michelle Picott, an abutter, was present and indicated that there has been no further word.**

**ADMIN**

**Minutes January, 2021: No revisions.**

**Tech update: Dan indicated that the ECC link on the Town website has been updated to point to the correct site. He also added Barbara to Google Groups and as an editor to the Facebook page.**

**Barbara Willis' Membership: Barbara has been appointed as an official Member. Welcome Barbara!**

**Warrant Article: Sandy reported that the Warrant Article to authorize the Commission to expend funds for contribution to projects did not make it on to the ballot due to an error by**



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Town staff. Joe offered to keep this in mind for next Warrant season.

**Intern:** Ben introduced Garrett Snyder who was present and expressed interest in an internship for Commission. He is a senior at UNH and interested in local conservation commission work and applying his field work. Sandy addressed the question of supervision and the need for help develop recommendations from our NRI. Liz offered to help with supervision. Garrett will review the NRI and try to come up with some ideas for projects. He will also work with Barbara on a potential outreach project. Other potential projects include assistance with property monitoring.

**Change meeting date?:** Sandy indicated that the third Wednesday of the month is open as well as the 4th Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. After reviewing the options, the Members agreed to switch to the fourth Wednesday of every month, pending checking with Liz. Next month, the meeting will remain on the first Tuesday.

**FUTURE ITEMS**

**Hoar Pond trails – site plan & park sign:** Volunteer is interested, but very busy.

**Low Park trail work day:** Volunteer is interested.

**George Falls Woods - trail work & park sign.**

**Fox Run – Mounting alphabet trail signs; school outreach?** Liz

**Photo Contest**

**Fox Run Precast Concrete Weir - Another possible project for Garrett to participate and Scott explained the background.**

**ADJOURN:** On Motion from Sandy, second from Todd, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday March 9, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Todd Hathaway*

Todd Hathaway, Secretary