

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

November 10, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, David McTigue, Karen Miller, Kleta Dudley, and Jennifer Minckler

ABSENT: Michael Bara, Jack Messe, Matt Oliveria, Susan Mallet

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

Minutes of October 8, 2021 are to be reviewed in December.

Trails:

Williams Property Trail Signage: 14 signs estimated at \$700.00.

Bridge for Old Schoolhouse Trail: Bob and Kleta will place planks over groundwater.

Lands:

Boundary Markers: Bob showed the Boundary marker design which will have a QR code on it, enabling people to scan the QR code to find the applicable property and direct them to a map of that property. Bob will order the markers of which will be an approximate quantity of 1000. A hole will be on the top of the marker to nail to the tree.

Seek new land to protect: Bob showed all the land that have no structure on them and are 25 acres or more which could be protected.

Seek new easements (who?): Some of the land that is owned could fall under an easement which could lower the land owner's taxes. Individual owners would need to be contacted. Karen suggested advising citizens what an easement means to them. A letter to the owners was suggested to include a contact number if the individual may have any questions.

Water Resources:

Seek Prime Wetlands: Bob advised that there is only one Prime Wetland and more should be protected. Prime wetlands get special coverage by the State. Bob said he has been unable to contact Mr. Hoage about Tophet Swamp. Karen mentioned Gibson Pond and Bob confirmed it is already conservation land.

Old Business:

Signs: The Committee agreed to 14 trail signs to be painted with holes by designer. The cost is an amount from \$700.00 to \$1000.00

New Business:

Scenic Road signage: There was discussion about having signage and if so where to put the signs. Bob wants to see if there is a standard to Scenic Road signage.

Tax Map refinements: Jim Coffey has submitted a request for an estimate to be provided.

Nomination / election of Officers? -Nominations/ Election of Members?: Bob passed out list of Membership and Term Expirations as of October 2021. Bob will meet with the Board of Selectman to go over this process. The Bylaws of the Conservation Commission were handed out.

A MOTION to adjourn was made by Bob Boynton, and SECONDED by Karen Miller, All in attendance were in agreement.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Minckler