

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
May 12, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, Kleta Dudley, Karen Miller and Susan Mallett

ABSENT: Michael Barar, Jack Messe, David McTigue, Matt

The meeting was called to order via Zoom at 7:30 p.m. The Covid-19 Right to Know Checklist is required to be read prior to acceptance into the meeting

Karen gave a summary of last Saturday April 24th, where she did monitoring with David. She noted it was a nice day for it and they spent about 3 ½ hours.

Bob noted he found a couple issues such as a tarp and other items.

Kleta said she saw evidence of camping.

Sue had mentioned to that someone called with questions regarding building on a class 6 road for a property he was considering purchasing, and further questioning revealed it was the Veague Krauss property that is for sale. Bob confirmed the 40 acre parcel is not on a class 6 road, but a class A trail and we all need to keep an eye on this.

Bob and Dave discussed how to do trail signs. Bob and Kleta will take down signs on the Williams properties.

Bob questioned if Karen got email asking for Geo-tag. Next time she does monitoring she will need to make sure the Geo-tag is working, Bob will help with that.

Regarding the Williams map, it's \$30 not \$300 as noted in the minutes, for a large print of "Williams Property Trail" map. Options were discussed including better paper so it would last longer. Bob will follow up

Michael Madole joined the meeting and gave a demonstration of Landscape Monitor software. The vast majority of what it's used for is Land Trust. He asked what our goal was with tracking software and Bob noted to get rid of paper and manual process.

A summary of the features includes:

- Cloud based
- Dashboard of data
- Tracks by categories
- Parcel details
- Active contact and contact info
- Also keeps track of inactive contacts as well
- Can manage multiple parcels under one record
- Can do violation letters
- Upload documents
- Lots of help and tutorial options
- Also an option for mobile based tracking

Cons were no video uploads (yet) and the price. Bob asked if they could do better with the pricing because we are small town.

Next up was the Hoag property, Bob would like to make it a prime wetland. The owner is not a resident of New Ipswich, Bob will mail him a letter asking if he is interested.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Mallett