

BRENTWOOD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting of September 11, 2019

Members in attendance: Heather Dudley-Tatman, Heather Gilbert, Edie Shipley, Rob Wofchuck and Jeff Donald, chair

Selectmen's Rep in attendance: Phyllis Thompson

Alternates in attendance: Reid Bunker, Doug Cowie and Bob Stephens

Public Present: Debbie Briscoe

Meeting convened at 7:04 PM

Shipley moved to give Bunker voting rights. Wofchuck seconded and the motion passed.

Wofchuck moved the August 14, 2019 minutes, Bunker seconded. Stephens said that he believed that Dave's last name was Shelton, not Shelter. Wofchuck moved to approve the minutes as amended. Bunker seconded and the minutes were approved. Dudley-Tatman abstained.

Donald presented an update on the Game Farm (NH Fish & Game) on South Road. At their last meeting, Selectmen voted not to support the purchase of the farm. As the commission was not aware the Selectmen would be voting on this, no one from the commission was present to discuss options. Donald stated that there may be an individual willing to front the purchase until the easement and buyer could be put in place. Commission discussed and would like to continue to see if there is a way to conserve this land. Wofchuck moved to present additional information on the path to conservation and options to the Selectman to see if there can be some support moving forward. Shipley seconded and the motion passed. Thompson abstained.

Wofchuck presented an update on the Split Rock Area:

1. South Road kiosk is done;
2. Highway department finished the parking lot;
3. Cowie/Wofchuck et al previously brought out poles for the bridge;
4. Benches have been built;
5. Bridge work days scheduled for September 14 and 15;
6. Second kiosk is scheduled to be worked on by Scout this fall;
7. QR Code will be created to add to kiosks so users can download the trail map;
8. Donald is still working with Highway Department for Class 6 road sign;
9. Wofchuck stated that the cost of the utilities poles for the bridge was ~\$1,000 more than originally estimated. Wofchuck presented an updated budget based on expenditures to date and estimated remaining costs. Wofchuck moved to increase the budget for the bridge to \$8,000 from the conservation fund. Bunker seconded and the motion passed.
10. Wofchuck discussed having a grand opening. The forester who did the work, Charlie Moreno, will be present to discuss work done. The date he is available is October 4th. Discussed having the walk at 5:30PM.

Bills and Reimbursements

1. Briscoe presented a receipt from Lowes for paint and blazing supplies for \$55.12. Thompson moved to reimburse Briscoe and Bunker seconded and the motion passed.
2. Wofchuck presented receipts for the Split Rock Area Project as follows:
 - a. Brentwood Country Store (lunch for work crew) \$39.02;
 - b. Lumber for benches \$133.40;
 - c. Printing maps for kiosks \$69.65;
 - d. Seacoast Mills lumber for decking of bridge \$904.24; and
 - e. Lowes hardware for bridge 16.76.Thompson moved to reimburse Wofchuck. Gilbert seconded and the motion passed. Wofchuck abstained.

Other Business

1. Hazardous Waste Disposal Day is September 21, 2019;
2. Commission received letter of from owner of Powers conservation easement notifying us that the forester that was hired to do forestry was terminated with cause.
3. Kingston Conservation Commission notified Commission that turtles have been seen crossing roads near town line. They suggested the use of turtle crossing signs like they have put up.
4. Stephens said that he was out at the pond on the Fralic property and he observed evidence of turtle nesting.
5. Donald announced that he will be submitting his resignation to the Selectman. He felt that they did not support him or work with him on issues.

Gilbert moved to adjourn, Wofchuck seconded and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Submitted by Heather Dudley-Tatman