

Brentwood Conservation Commission Minutes Meeting on November 2nd, 2022

Members present: Andy Laroche, Mark Young, Bob Stephens, Lise McNaughton, and Brian Silva

Alternate members present: Becky Dunham

Stephens called the meeting to order at 6:35

1. Motion by McNaughton to appoint Dunham to a voting member, 2nd by M. Young, vote 5-0 approved
2. Approval of public minutes from previous meeting
 - a. October public minutes motion to approve as amended by McNaughton, 2nd by Silva, vote approved 4-0, Silva and Dunham abstentions.
3. Goals
 - a. Nothing new to report
4. Properties
 - a. McNaughton, monitoring conservation properties, looking for volunteers.
 - b. Dunham, are there reports that are generated?
 - c. McNaughton, 12 properties do, 9 do not, we use a template, report goes to NHDES
5. Town Markers
 - a. Stephens & McNaughton met with Town Administrator .
 - b. Stephens, getting organized to GPS town markers, maybe in December, explained to Selectboard.
 - c. Stephens and Laroche discussed accuracy of handheld recreational GPS device as within tens of yards, and differences in coordinate systems can lead to greater errors.
6. Bills & Reimbursement
 - a. Stephens, receipt from B. Magnuson for fuel to do mowing.
 - b. Motion by Dunham to pay invoice, 2nd by Laroche, vote 6-0 approved.
7. Split Rock on South Road
 - a. Stephens spoke to Liz Faria, who was concerned property name be corrected to "Split Rock," removing "conservation area." She indicated she had spoken to the Town Administrator who had confirmed Town property and therefore not conservation land.
 - i. Young, asked if we can take label of "conservation" from its identification?
 - ii. Stephens: we may have to ask Selectboard.
 - iii. Dunham: do we have any other Town properties called "conservation"?
 - iv. Stephens: We can change the name on Google Maps if needed. Will also get some feedback from others.
8. Compost
 - a. Dunham, asked for a summary from the last meeting
 - b. McNaughton, suggested that town residents need education on composting options.
 - c. Recycle
 - i. Dunham: Are we paying a premium for recycling pick-up, even though they are ending up in the landfill with the other trash?
 - ii. Dunham & Young will look into this and consult with Selectboard.

9. Budget

- a. Selectboard supported our level funded budget for the next fiscal year

10. Mower

- a. Stephens met with Town Administrator; Wayne Robinson didn't make it. Joyce Keegal, offered small tractor that we can use on conservation trails. Wayne Robinson from Highway Dept has also offered a tractor (bigger), we need to decide which way to go and work out details.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Young