

Lempster Conservation Commission Meeting - May 12, 2021
Meeting called to order at 9:11am

Members present: Wesley Ash, Ivan Wallace, Rachel Tirrell, Phil Tirrell, and John Nowak

Minutes read and approved

Treasurer's Report read and accepted:

March

Beginning balance \$14,604.52

1 check \$250.00

Interest paid .12

Current balance \$14,354.64

April

Beginning balance \$14,354.64

1 check \$492.88

Interest paid .12

Current balance \$13,861.88

Old Business:

- A weed eater has been purchased and is stored in the LCC's storage shed along with a gallon can of premixed fuel which has a long shelf life. A motion was made and seconded to reimburse Wesley Ash \$16.68 for the cost of fuel.
- Wesley did check with the school board about a date for roadside clean up. A date has been set for Saturday May 22nd, meeting any interested volunteers at the Lempster Meeting House at 2 pm. Assignment will be distributed depending on the number of volunteers. (The ATV club is sponsoring a maintenance/clean up of trails that morning at 9 am) We may need to buy bags. Sue has some but unsure how many. Phil and Rachel bought 10 high visibility vests for people to use.
- We were unable to meet on April 27th to walk the Lempster Conservation property on Earl's Lane. A new date was set for June 9th following our meeting at 4pm.
- Discussed ideas to include some afternoon or evening meetings. Evening meetings during winter months would be possible since we aren't generally working on trail during those months. Ivan mentioned how nice it has been to work on trails in the morning following meetings, but maybe some afternoon and some morning meetings could be staggered. A vote was taken to meet next month at 4pm and walk boundaries at the Earl's Lane property after the meeting. We will also check out some large vehicle tracks left in the field area

- Phil reported that Sullivan County Extension Service is willing to come out and do a class on pruning the apple trees. They said it is too late this spring because the trees have budded, but later in the fall or the very early spring next year. Dead wood and branches can be removed anytime. They have added us to their calendar for Spring 2022 to do a hands on pruning class.
- Old Home Day is August 13-15, Phil will contact Ben Killam to see if he's available to give his bear presentation. Wesley will contact the selectman to see if we should use the Firehouse for the presentation or the Meeting House if construction is completed enough for public use.

New Business:

- Old trail handouts for Duck Pond inner and outer loop trails need up-dating. A draft handout for both the inner and outer loop was presented. Handouts need to be created for Lady Slipper Trail and the Orchard sometime in the future.
- A sign is needed for the trailhead at Lady Slipper Trail
- Phil left a message with the state road dept to borrow caution signs and get bags for the state highway portion of the cleanup day. They said they will get back to him.
- Duck Pond Trail is getting a lot of hikers and it is important to keep the area clean. Ivan made a motion we should provide a porta potty at the parking lot at Duck Pond Trail and continue to share ½ the cost for one at Earl's Lane, seconded by Wesley Ash and passed unanimously.
- Johnson Property has been cut off and LCC will receive some funds from that. Wesley will remind the office that intent to cut paperwork needs to be put in the Conservation Commission's mailbox at the town office.
- John Nowak looked into the grants available to conservation commissions. They said it is too late to apply this year and they are unsure if they will be available next year. He will follow up on these grants.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:56 and those present worked on Lady Slipper Trail returning to the parking lot at 12:23pm