

LEMPSTER Conservation Commission Meeting on January 11, 2023 @ Town Offices
Meeting called to order at 4:30 PM

Members present: Phil Tirrell, Rachel Tirrell, John Nowak, Lynda Perry, Mindy Chadwick, and guest Robin Maguire

Secretary's report: accepted as read

Treasurer's report: as of 12/31/22 \$18740.66 in checking

Old Business:

- River Road: no new info. Matt Belden from Daniels suggested contacting Mike Hanson. Lynda will contact Mr Hanson
- Carbon Credits: no new information
- Trails: Spring we will remove down trees on trails. Look into a picnic table for the trail, get prices from Wes Ash and Mr Perry in the spring. Phil will contact selectmen about the possibility of some new trails on town's Rt 10 property.
- Intent to cut: 3 received, Foote Stetson, Johnson property, and Gary Caron
- Orchard at Earl's Lane: Phil will contact Bill Walker to find out he has prune his orchard.
- Signage: Phil ordered the parking and no parking signs for trails off Long Pond Rd
- Sand at Long Pond and Dodge Pond: Phil will speak with selectmen about this.
- Skating Rink: Mindy spoke to people in Sunapee about their rink. It cost \$5000. The fire dept fills it, and it holds water so if it melts it just refreezes. Possible to create at town property or school; maybe an article on the town warrant to gauge interest

New Business:

- National Trails Day is the first Saturday in June, June 3rd. Ideas include reserving the pavilion at Long Pond and having hamburgers and hotdogs, hike the trails, scavenger hunt for kids, hand out free water bottles to those who participate. We will get prices for next meeting, and make more plans as that date gets closer.
- Educational programs like Ben Killam's "Bears". Voted to hire Mr Killam, \$600 plus mileage. Phil will check with him for dates. We would prefer a date in February or March, possibly on a Sunday. Meeting Hall has parking challenges, possibly we could ask about using History Hall or the school.
- Lady Slipper Trail needs more and better signage and improvements. We will create a trail from pavilion to Lady Slipper. There is also a nice waterfall that could/should have a trail to it off of Lady Slipper Trail.
- We were left a copy of plans for Howard Gravel Pit
- Robin asked if there are options, other than killing, for dealing with beavers. We have provided plans on the town website for how to build a beaver deceiver type contraception as we cannot afford to supply them everywhere they may be needed. We will generate a map of where beavers are currently residing in Lempster to see where they should be left alone and places where they may be causing damage to roads and/or properties.
- Election of officers are coming up, think about what position you would like to hold.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm

Date of next meeting is February 8 at 4:30pm