

LEMPSTER Conservation Commission Meeting

February 8, 2023 @ Town Offices

Meeting called to order 4:36

Members present: Phil, Rachel, Ivan, Lynda, Mindy, Robin

Guests: Jennifer and Read Gildner-Blinn

Secretary's report: accepted as read

Treasurer's report: accepted as read

Old Business:

- River Road: Lynda contacted Mike Hanson, she asked for picture of bridge with a ballpark estimate. Can not apply for grants until June. Mindy knows Erin Darrow of Right Angle Engineering; she will ask if he will look at the site on River Road
- Carbon credits: no new info
- Trails: Phil will try to remember to ask selectmen about having a trail on town's Route 10 property towards back near wetlands
- Intent to cut: received one from G. Stetson
- The Orchard: Received two quotes, Arthur Heino and Ray's Tree Service, for cutting and removing all dead wood and pruning entire orchard, both quotes were for \$12,000. We are still actively looking for more quotes.
- Signage: we received the parking signs and will put them up in the spring
- Sand at Long Pond and Dodge Pond: Phil will ask selectmen
- Skating Rink: tabled until next year
- National Trails Day, June 3rd: more planning as time gets closer
- Educational program Ben Killam's "Bears": March 19 or 26 might work. He is difficult to contact to get info back. Will see if Historical Society would let us use their building for the program
- Lady Slipper Trail improvements: will look into cutting the trail back up to the road near the beach
- Beavers: created a map with X to mark location of known beaver activity
- Election of officers: wait until next meeting as two members are missing

New Business:

- Meeting dates and times: voted to meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 4:30; April to fall meeting earlier in the day for work projects following meetings
- Mission statement: need to review and update if needed
- Goals: trails, orchard, grants
- The Society for Protection of NH Forests is giving an apple pruning class on February 21st in Concord. It costs \$20 per person, or \$100. for all the members of the Commission to belong. Classes are free to members. Lynda made a motion to spend \$100. for the Commission to join the Society. Anyone interested in going can contact Tina Ripley 603-224-9945 ext 313 or email triplej@forestsociety.org
- Phil contacted Dave Hershey about the proposed drift track on Route 10. He said they are still in the planning and permitting stage. He will meet with us after those are completed. Guest participation: Jennifer Gildner-Blinn read and left a copy of her question for the Conservation Commission. "Assuming that the drift track development will apply for a wetland permit, and that the application will come to the Conservation Commission, how does the Commission see its role in the permitting process and is there a plan for allowing public comment? We (the Gildner-Blinn's), request that the Conservation Commission, within the required 14 days of the application filing date, write to the Wetlands Bureau so that the Commission has additional time to participate in the process and to allow for public comment. Respectfully, Jennifer & Read Gildner-Blinn 26 Splake Drive, Lempster, NH jgildnerblinn@gmail.com Phil responded that the Commission, if we get notified of the permit from wetlands, will review it and respond as necessary.
- Next meeting: March 1st at 4:30 - changed to March 8th at 4:30
- Meeting concluded at 5:35 pm