

LEMPSTER Conservation Commission Meeting
July 12 @ LFD

Meeting called to order at 4:27pm

Members present: Phil, Rachel, Ivan, Lynda, Mindy, John, Robin. guests: the Gildner-Blinns, selectman Traci Homol, and a resident of Acworth

Secretary's report: accepted as read

Treasurer's report: accepted as read

- River Road: Lynda and Mindy met with Paul to look at the project. He will meet with Erin and talk with Mike Hanson and back to Lynda. Lynda also met with the other abutters to River Road and told them about the idea of creating a way to cross the river for hiking.
- Grants: none at this time
- Trails: John cut 12 trees off of the Duck Trail outer loop.
- Intent to cut: none
- Orchard at Earl's Lane: Phil spoke to a planning board member about creating a park/recreation area there. People have mentioned it would be nice to have picnic tables, disc golf baskets, horseshoe shoe pits and having the brush cleaned from around the pond.
- Signage: a no parking/blocking road sign for River Road's Dodge Brook Trail has been ordered
- Long Pond: the work on cleaning and sprucing up the town beach at Long Pond has been successfully completed. Thank you to Adam Howard for his generous contribution! Thanks to all those who worked on the project!
- Educational programs: Robin has not been able to get in touch with Nico Carver. The Friends of the Library have Jim Pechora doing a presentation, "The Secrets of Beryl Mt", at the Town Hall this Saturday at 2pm
- National Trails Day, Saturday June 1st next year:
- Any animals spotted in town or surrounding area: not discussed at this meeting
- Roadside clean up: none planned at this time
- Any other old business: none
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New Business:

- We voted to pay the request for the Sand Pond Lake Host Program
- Trail names signs are in process for River Ledge, Beaver Meadow, and Dodge Brook Trails
- Any other new business: The question was raised to a member as to why the rivers and brooks are so brown because they were concerned it was because of the current race track in town. The current MX Track is across the road from Dodge Brook so is not contributing to runoff. All the heavy rains and flooding are allowing runoff into all the ponds, lakes, rivers, and brooks causing the brown color in the water. We also have some natural occurring brown water in Dodge Pond which has been caused by high iron

and other minerals in the water; there are also logs that were placed many years ago in the pond after the hurricane.

- Process for permits from the Drift Track: They shared a map of the project that explains how they are working around wetlands, building the track on higher ground than first proposed, placement of wells and septic, protection of vernal pools, parking and bridges. The map was left at the fire station.

Date of next meeting: August 2nd at 2 pm @ Duck Pond trail parking. We will work on trails weather permitting.

Meeting adjourned at: 5:55 pm