

LEMPSTER Conservation Commission Meeting

August 2, 2023 @ Town Offices

Meeting called to order at 2:12 pm

Members present: Phil Tirrell, John Nowak, Mindy Chadwick, Lynda Perry, Rachel Tirrell, guest: Jennifer Gildner-Blinn

Secretary's report: accepted as read

Treasurer's report:

- River Road: No news at this point. The bridge over the river is getting worse with washouts, and has a tree down over it
- Grants: none at this time
- Trails: Members present voted to buy flagging tape in different colors to be used to flag different trails, and can be stored in box unit
- Intent to cut: no new ones
- Orchard at Earl's Lane: a member of the planning board spoke to Phil about a recreation site in town, the idea of using the Orchard site for that purpose and possibly having a disk golf there came up as a suggestion.
- Signage: some signs were added to Duck Pond trail, the outer loop needs more flagging/signage
- Educational programs: After discussing the possibility awarding scholarships to a Lempster Community School graduate and a Lempster resident graduating from high school, we voted to give \$100 to a graduating 8th grader and \$500 to a graduating Lempster High Schooler to be given in June at graduation. More work will be done to develop the student qualifications and system of working with the schools.
- Next year June 1st, National Trails Day: will discuss in the spring
- Any animals spotted in town or surrounding area: a mink was seen on Long Pond Road, there have been 5 loons regularly on Long Pond, and many deer and several bears have been seen around town also
- Any other old business: none
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**New Business:**

- We need to develop a color code for the trails. It was decided to keep yellow as the color for inner and outer Duck Pond. We have blue lids provided by Jen and since Lady Slipper is the longest we will use those to mark that trail. Moose Trail, Beaver Meadow Trail and River Ledge Trail will be decided at a further date.

- Signs have been made and will be put up on Beaver Meadow and River Ledge soon.
- Any other new business: a motion was made seconded and passed to have a picnic table built for The Orchard on Earl's Lane as it would be a nice place to have a picnic.

Date of next meeting: September 6, meeting at 2:00 at the Duck Trail parking lot with trail work on Lady Slipper Trail to follow

Meeting adjourned at: The business portion of the meeting was concluded at 2:38, then members worked on Lady Slipper outer Trail.