

LEMPSTER Conservation Commission Meeting
October 4, 2023 @ 2:00 pm @ Long Pond Road trail parking

Meeting called to order at: 2:05

Members present: Phil Tirrell, Rachel Tirrell, John Nowak, Mindy Chadwick, Lynda Perry, Ivan Wallace

Secretary's report: accepted as read

Treasurer's report: accepted as read

- River Road: The environmental engineer said the project didn't have a big enough impact for the state to accept as a feasible project for this particular grant. The members present at the time he looked at River Road asked if he could look at the Orchard as a project since the orchard impacts lots of wildlife. The suggestion of helping the town with beaver deceivers or relocation projects was also posed. He said he would get back to us, but no one has heard back from him.
- Grants: John followed up on Sullivan County having a grant writer available to help write grants. He spoke with several people, Bill Whiteman, Sharron Callum from Sullivan County, and Derick Ferland from the Bureau of Natural Resources. He will continue to pursue this avenue.
- Trails: We will clear debris from Lady Slipper and Beaver Meadow trails today.
- Intent to cut: None
- Orchard at Earl's Lane: No new trimming of the apple trees at the orchard at this point. Phil spoke to Robin about the mowing at Earl's Lane. Some of it was mowed, but a large portion was not mowed out behind the small stand of trees in the field and down closer to the apple trees. We voted to hire Grant Taylor to complete the job at \$40/hour and a set up fee of \$50.
- Signage needed: it was discussed if we should post at Earl's Lane some signs; "Managed by LCC", private property signs at the borders, and possibly a map of the property at the kiosk.
- Educational programs: discussion of whether we should set up a group to develop or work on it at meetings
- National Trails Day, Saturday June 3rd: postponed discussion
- Any animals spotted in town or surrounding area: many deer, foxes, turkeys, heron, moose, opossum
- Any other old business: none

New Business:

- None at this

Date of next meeting: November 1

Meeting adjourned at: 5:05pm

LEMPSTER Conservation Commission Meeting
September 20 @ 3:30pm @ Town Office

Meeting called to order at: 3:30pm

Members present: Phil Tirrell, Ivan Wallace, Robin Maguire, Lynda Perry, Rachel Tirrell, Scott Goodspeed

Secretary's report: accepted as read

Treasurer's report: accepted as read

- River Road: no change
- Grants: none applied for at this time
- Trails: We will meet next month October 4 at the Duck Pond parking, 2:00 pm for meeting with work on Lady Slipper and Beaver Meadow trails to follow
- Intent to cut: none presented
- Orchard at Earl's Lane: picnic table has been delivered, Ivan will give the bill to be paid. Grass needs mowing at Earl's Lane. It cost \$900 last year, we need to get bids. Scott said he will ask the person he knows is available and will get back to Phil. Lynda may also know someone who may be available. Matt will be back to do more work on the orchard later this fall.
- Signage: New signs have been put on trails at Long Pond. The new River Ledge Trail is being used a lot.
- Educational programs: we develop criteria, parameters and qualifications over winter meetings
- Any animals spotted in town or surrounding area: turkeys, deer, bear, and a moose
- Any other old business: All members read the drift track proposal. Reid Gildner-Blinn asked if the packet was still in the office for review. Phil said it is still there for the public to read. Scott felt it was detailed, they have spent a lot of money, and nothing stood out as a major concern to him. Some questions were raised about how the flood years criterias were developed, and why no septic permits were included. The questions will be turned over to the track developers.

New Business:

- None at this time

Date of next meeting: October 4th at 2:pm

Meeting adjourned at: 4:35