

LEMPSTER Conservation Commission Meeting

March 6, 2024 @ 3:30 pm @ town office

Meeting called to order at: 3:30 pm

Members present: Phil Tirrell, Ivan Wallace, Rachel Tirrell, Lynda Perry, Robin Maguire, Mindy Chadwick. Guests: Jennifer Gildner-Blinn

Secretary's report: accepted with addition of Robin Maguire at the February meeting

Treasurer's report: accepted as given. Unanimous vote was taken to have Ivan look into if we can get a higher interest rate for the CD that matures on April 8th. Ivan will check with Robin.

- River Road: no new information
- Grants: no new information
- Trails: Dodge Brook Trail was slippery last week, but ice is melting. The other trails have not been hiked.
- Intent to cut: no new
- The Orchard: Matt should be starting the spring pruning soon, but the road in is very muddy right now.
- Signage: Will pursue when sign posts can be placed
- Educational programs: Everyone needs to research some programs that are available
- Eighth Grade Award: Rachel presented a form for a \$100 award for an eighth grade graduate who lives in Lempster or has graduated from Lempster Community School to be given to the library and the school. A vote was taken and passed with the word change on the attached form.
- National Trails Day, Saturday June 1st: We will be working on Dodge Brook Trail this year. Lynda will contact Acworth Conservation members to see if they want to come since the trail connects to their trail. We will post the date on the town's website
- Animals spotted in town or surrounding area: moose, deer, bobcat, raccoons, skunks, turkeys, grosbeaks and other birds
- Agenda building: no suggested changes
- Recreation areas: 1. Mindy found \$3280 is the cost of a skating rink through EZ Rinks. We could see if another group in town would want to go in on a purchase. Phil said the fire department has talked about creating a skating area using foundation coating on the cement. 2. Robin suggested we think about creating a dog park up at the orchard.

Any other old business:

- Jack Swatt and John Nowak placed duck boxes up at Duck Pond.
- The state is going to make a four way stop at the intersection at Rt 10 and Second NH Turnpike.

New Business:

- We voted to establish a Facebook page to showcase pictures and make announcements. All members will be administrators to control what is published on the page.
- Mindy will look into getting a post office box.
- A motion was made to go into non public session RSA 91-A:3, II (c) and

RSA 91-A:3, II (e) at 4:15. Public meeting was reconvened at 4:50

- Motion was made and passed to seal the minutes of the non public session

Next meeting: April at 3rd @ 3:00pm at the town office **Meeting adjourned:** 4:59 pm

