

LEMPSTER Conservation Commission Meeting

April 3, 2024 @ 3:00 pm @ town office

Meeting called to order at: 3:05 pm

Members present: Phil Tirrell, Ivan Wallace, Rachel Tirrell, John Nowak, Mindy Chadwick, Lynda Perry, Vicki Madziarek Guests: none

Secretary's report: accepted as read

Treasurer's report: accepted as read with \$11,348.91 in checking

- River Road/Dodge Brook Trail: will ask selectmen if a trail sign can be added to the side of the road. Phil spoke to DES to ask about cutting trees that are down on the road or beside it. He was told no permit is needed. Lynda is working at getting a picnic table for the area and will look into establishing a 501c3 for trails.
- Grants: John spoke to Mr Chute of Sullivan County Conservation Commission about a grant to fix or replace the bridge over the river. He was told that it is not within their purview to help with recreational trails.
- Trails: covered with snow again since the last big storm. John removed a couple of downed trees on Duck Pond Trail when they put duck boxes up on Duck Pond
- Intent to cut: 2 permits- Lempster Street, and Route 10/Deer Hill Lane
- The Orchard: Vicki contacted a company from Goshen that will come up to the Orchard to give an estimate for mowing
- Signage: Lynda has purchased a sign and will ask for permission to put it up
- Educational programs: John will contact Skip Lyle about giving a presentation in town on beaver deceivers
- Eighth Grade award: Rachel has given the award information to the school, and will be dropping some off at the library.
- National Trails Day, Saturday June 1st: River Road clean up will be done at the May meeting
- Animals spotted in town or surrounding area: several large bears have been seen around town, possums, raccoons, skunks, turkeys, deer, robins and bluebirds
- Agenda building: nothing new to be added
- Recreation areas: 1.skating rink- Phil will ask LFD what their plans are for next year

2.park at the orchard-nothing new

**Any other old business:**

- Facebook page: pictures are being posted and viewed
- Post office box: \$36/6 months or \$72/year with a one time charge of \$10 for two keys. It was voted that we get a box and pay for the year.

**New Business:**

- Voting for officers: Lynda Perry chair, Mindy Chadwick secretary, Ivan Wallace treasurer
- Discussion about the proposed drift track and the possibility of the town doing a DRI, Development of Regional Impact, to allow surrounding towns to bring up concerns

Date of next meeting: May 1 @ 1pm at River Road weather permitting OR town office if inclement weather

Meeting adjourned at: 4:16 pm

