

Litchfield Conservation Commission
May 2, 2019
Town Hall Conference Room 2 Liberty Way

Minutes approved

In attendance: Joan McKibben, Tom Levesque, Harry Menzigian, Roger St.Laurent, Andrew Thompson (alternate)

(7:05) Joan calls the meeting to begin and names Andrew T. as a voting member.

(7:06) It has been suggested that the River access be renamed to "John Bryant River Access". There was no opposition to that change from the committee.

(7:07) Jason Brennan attended a trail grant meeting given by the state. There is a May 13th Grant workshop provided. There is a June 21st deadline to get any proposals in for a grant. Joan will try to go to the workshop and report next meeting.

(7:10) Cutler road property entrance was discussed. There are no trails on the property. Tax maps were provided of the area. The main purpose of the site is for habitat protection.

(7:14) Merrimack water quality was discussed. There is concern with combined sewage overflows (CSOs). There are 15 outfalls in Manchester. There is a presentation to be scheduled in Nashua for more information. Committee suggests that we could ask for water quality testing.

(7:23) Moores Falls was discussed for maybe needing dog waste signs to be put in at the kiosk. It has been listed as a fishing area in the May/June Wildlife Journal on page 19. This may cause more use from outside of town.

(7:27) The committee discussed an outfall in Litchfield that comes from the Derry treatment plant. If that is true, possibly look into some water quality sampling there.

(7:29) Wildlife viewing pamphlet was brought up by Harry. These could be put in the in kiosks. Harry also provided pocket guides to NH animal tracks, which these could also be at the kiosks. The committee suggests that these could be possible highschool projects.

(7:36) Blue bird boxes were taken down at the river access by Joan and Roger. Joan got permission to put them at the Hillcrest and Pinecrest cemeteries. There is a suggestion to number the boxes to keep track of them.

(7:39) Joan talked about the NH association of natural resource scientist (NHANRS). They are looking to map all the stone walls in NH. They will do this by utilizing Lidar technology. There is a vernal pool walk on May 4th at the Merrimack Middle School.

(7:43) Clean up day produced 14 bags of trash.

(7:44) Rainfall report: 11.8 inches of rain in April. Trace of Snow.

(7:45) January minutes added Andrew and Roger to attendance list. Approval of January minutes where Harry motions to approve as amended and Roger seconds. Vote is 5-0-0.

(7:48) Approval of April minutes where Harry motions and Tom seconds. Vote is 4-0-1.

(7:51) Roger mentions that the benches on Albuquerque need improvements. It is suggested that this could be a Highschool student project.

(7:55) Tom motions to adjourn and Roger seconds.

Next meeting is June 6th.