

Litchfield Conservation Commission
September 3, 2020
Town Hall Conference Room 2 Liberty Way

Minutes Approved 10/01/2020

In attendance: Joan McKibben, Chairman; Tom Levesque, Vice-Chairman Harry Menzigian, Matt Lepore, Michael Croteau, Roger St.Laurent, Dianne Plansky, alternate

Absent: Andrew Thompson, Jack Curtin, Marion Godzik (alternate), Jack Pinciario, Selectmen Rep.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Non-Agenda Items

Andrew Ruggles, Todd Baker, Andrew Stevens all from Litchfield were present along with Jayson Brennan.

They notice trail work was being carried out and wondered if there was any thought to creating a trail crew. They wondered if there was anything they could do to help.

Joan M. we are trying to find a trail crew Matt said he could use the help.

Jayson suggested it could work from the bottom up that the people could suggest what they want to do and then come to the commission with the ideas.

Everyone was in agreement that they could come back in October with some ideas.

There are issues with the state forest regarding unauthorised trails.

Jayson updated the commission on Moore's Falls the fencing is 100% complete. There was donation of the fence and volunteers installed it. They will try and get granite curbing to place between the parking and fence to protect the fence.

The muster field across from old Town Hall and Parker Park at the end of Pinecrest are scheduled to get the same type sign that Moore's Falls has.

Jayson suggest the commission send an email to the BOS requesting mowing of some of the conservation properties so it might fall under what the highway dept. Mows.

Harry thought we needed signage at Moore's Falls, Jayson will put a map together to put at the kiosk.

Clean up of our section of Route 3A will be October 3 at 8 am meet at the old town hall/old fire station parking lot.

Trail Work

Matt has rerouted 2 sections of trail on the White Lot. There is an abrupt turn that needs to be corrected.

Blackbird La. property needs a name, work there is almost done.

Moore's Falls cutting of upper field and path was discussed

Repairs

Pole saw and Chain saw have been sent out for repair by the highway dept.

Matt was directed to buy new chains

Research Project at Moore's Falls

Joan was contacted by Vinton Thompson who is doing scientific investigations and observations in the Moore's Falls Conservation area on the alder spittlebug. He has sent a detailed write up. Moore's Falls has many alder type habitat that are needed for his study. He would place sock type sleeves over the immature bugs next spring/summer.

Joan gave him permission to do this. He will be in contact before he does any work there.

He will also share his findings with the commission.

Nothing will affect the trees.

Other Business

Joan came across park rules in the files that were adopted by the Rec. Commission some years ago.

A walk scheduled on Sept. 4 with Matt Tarr from UNH regarding Map 12 Lot 27-2 off Albuquerque Ave.

Joan did contact the Rec. Comm. about a joint meeting.

Rain Fall Reports 2020

June 4.5", July 6.10", August 4.3"

Minutes

Harry makes a motion and Matt seconded approving the August 6 minutes.

All in favor, minutes approved.

Moore's Falls Kiosk

Harry mentions repairs needed there. Joan volunteers Harry, Harry agrees to make necessary repairs.

Motion made and duly seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

All in favor.

Minutes transcribed by J. McKibben

