Whitefield Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes June 9, 2022 Page 1 of 2

Chairman Frank Lombardi called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

<u>Members Present:</u> Chair - Frank Lombardi, Edith Worcester, David Chase, Lisa Courcy and Secretary Tina Wright.

Members Absent: Vice-Chair-Donald LaPlante and Marcia Hammon.

Public Present: Elise Lawson

Minutes: A motion was made by David Chase to accept the minutes as is from the May 11, 2022 meeting. Seconded by Lisa Courcy. No further discussion, all in favor, motion carries. APPROVED.

New Business/Industrial Park

Elise Lawson and Frank Lombardi walked the property this afternoon out on the airport road in the Industrial Park.

Elise said she started at the parking lot area and walked down through where the refuge boundary ended.

She said it has been cut, most of it. Good buffer, and streams crossing through. It was very well cut. Rough walking in some place. Plenty of ticks. Saw moose droppings and a small elm tree. The nice thing about where we live and there's a clear cut things love to grow back. Closer to the airport it's really wet with some open water. Elise said she was curious if you guys could explore the possibility that the one lot, the smaller one that's really wet. If that could be part of the refuge. Donation from the town to the refuge? Or the refuge would purchase it? A lot line adjustment could be done and it would protect that section.

Or even see if part of it could be a town forest. Thinking of generating income for the town. Lisa asked if the town is selling this to somebody and for what purpose. The purpose really matters. She said she could think of a lot of things that could go in there that would be bad. If something goes in there that is noise generating it could drive the wild life out.

Frank said he will get with Donald LaPlante to get an email drafted up to send to Katie Kopp at the WEDC to find out what the plan is. Lisa is going to help out.

NRI - Response from landowners.

Servard Mangement and Charlene and Joe Hoffman have given permission to the Conservation Commission and Elise Lawson to walk their property for the NRI update. Frank said he will reach out to the Mountain View Grand Hotel as well to get permission to walk their property. Elise Lawson and members of the Conservation Commission will be meeting the four Wednesdays in July to walk the properties. They will start at 9 am.

Elise said she's looking for different things, things of interest. She said one of the things that have changed in the past 50 years is what is now forests used to be fields. She likes to spend a lot of time in wetlands and most diverse areas in town. She's looking to highlight the natural resources.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Edie Worcester to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 p.m., seconded by Marsha Lombardi. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Tina Wright - Secretary

Chairman, Frank Lombardi