

Whitefield Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2019
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Chairman Frank Lombardi called the meeting to order at 4:28 p.m.

Members Present: Frank Lombardi-Chairman, Donald LaPlante-Vice Chair, Valerie Yelton, Edith Worcester, Marsha Lombardi and Tina Wright- Secretary

Members Absent: Ken Jordan

Guests Present: none

Natural Resources Inventory:

Frank updated the Conservation Commission about the town having the master plan updated by June Garneau of Mapping and Planning Solutions, Frank let the commission members know what is involved and if any members want to help out with this, feel free. Frank has been working on updating the Town of Whitefield Natural Resources Inventory (NRI). He has added some new information. Frank said the town is in a bit of a rush to get this done. Donald questioned maybe hiring someone to help with the update, there is money in the Conservation Commissions' budget that could help with this. Frank suggested they look through it themselves and see what they could do. The commission read over the first few pages of the 2005 NRI and added a few things. They will work on it a chapter at a time.

Town Forest Update:

The Conservation Commission emailed Steve Agius to let him know that they have been unsuccessful with the attempt of the town forest and that there are some other interests at this time; a solar farm.

The commission discussed maybe making a recommendation to the Selectmen for this property and to let them know what their thoughts are on a solar farm and the habitat in the area.

Future Conservation Projects:

Frank brought up a merger on some town owned land going on by the sewer plant off Parker Road. Frank thinks this area would make a great trail area for walking. Frank walked the property today before the meeting and mapped it out with his GPS, it's a little under a mile loop. This trail runs by "little river."

Donald suggested the Conservation Commission get on the Selectmen's agenda for September to have a conversation with them about this idea and talk about the Town Forest and ask them what they think and where they would want to have a town forest. This would be an ideal spot for a trail for walking.

Valerie left the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Next Meeting is August 14th at 4:00. We are going to meet at the town office and we're going to go for a walk down to the trail off Dusty Drive.

Update on Casella email from Jon Swan:

Frank showed the Commission Casellas' plan for the landfill and the three phases. They reviewed the maps that Casellas has created showing the site location for the future landfill vs the proximity of forest lake.

Other Business/Correspondence:

Valerie attended the last Selectmen's meeting and wondered why the Conservation Commission was not a part of the department head reporting. Secretary Tina Wright let the commission know that the Dalton Conservation Commission has received our letter mailed out last winter, she read it in their minutes that they received the letter and were going to send a response back. Rebecca Brown sent the commission a letter stating that they have been gifted a one-year membership to the Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust (ACT)

Sara Doucette emailed the Selectboard and Planning board asking if anyone would be able or willing to speak at the public information meeting on July 23rd.

Frank asked Tina to have new appointments made up for Marsha Lombardi and Edith Worcester to continue to be on the Conservation Commission.

Minutes from the June meeting will be reviewed and approved at the August meeting.

Adjournment: Donald LaPlante moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m., Edith Worcester seconded, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

Tina L. Wright-Secretary



Frank Lombardi-Chairman

