

Greenfield Conservation Commission (GCC)

Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2024

Recorded by Michelle Hall

Members Attending: Karen Day, Candi Fowler, Tom Bregani, Brenda Gollihue

7:04 pm Karen called the meeting to order.

Approve or Amend minutes from the November 29th Special Meeting

Tom motioned to approve. Seconded by Brenda. All were in favor, motion passed.

Current Business:

Need for a Vice Chair: Candi motioned for Tom to become Vice Chair. Seconded by Brenda. All were in favor, motion passed.

New members:

The GCC accepts, with regret, the resignations of Kate Dean, Kristine Hall and David Hall due to prior obligations. There is currently a need to have more members join the GCC to take their places. Karen would like to promote soliciting new members at the Roadside Roundup, the same as done last year with great success.

Next Program or Event:

Brenda is interested in becoming the new Programs Director, all were in favor of this. She will work with David Hall to get the programs email information and how he used to put things together. She will need to contact the Library to reserve the Wensberg Room. Brenda suggested not adding programs around the Spirit articles, though it would be great if it were to happen that way when it can. They plan to have roughly six programs or events per year.

Helaine Hughs would like to do a program on poison ivy, in May. Rich Masters would like to come back to do something on bears, hopefully in October. Candi is doing a butterfly program in September.

Tom has written an article for the Spirit which discusses a winter hike, this would be good for the next event. He had met with someone from UNH Extension who was willing to join in on this event. The GCC discussed presenting him with an honorium. They also discussed some possible locations for a hike in town lasting 45-60 minutes, more of a casual walk. Tom will confirm dates and will get back to Karen before 1/22/24. It may be better for March 9th or 22nd. The GCC is ok with this taking place in February if need be on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon. Tom wouldn't be opposed to doing 3 or 4 hikes a year and would like to take the colverts seminar at the Barbara C Harris Center.

School house trail- Tom found out that the Trails Association is still active and they were the ones who put this trail in place. Back in December, the Selectboard asked John Hopkins to clean up the trail. He thought the bridge was out a while back and had since lost interest in it. He ended up discovering the bridge at the north end was still there and fixed the old broken bridge on the south end during his clean up as well. He would like to attend the next meeting to talk with the GCC. Tom discussed that he has received the 1953 agreement for the Forest Committee.

John informed Tom that there are a lot of trails on town owned property and he would like to discuss them with the GCC as they are great trails. He also said that he cut the path from the trail to the parking lot by the blacksmith shop. He said there is over 100 miles of trails in town that would be great for hiking or biking. Karen had said the school had stated

they don't use that trail for anything anymore. She will put this on the agenda for the next Emergency Management meeting.

There are professional trail makers, Karen suggested looking into this as this could come out of the conservation fund. The Selectboard is hiring a planner for Oak Park and a memorial park for veterans would be next. Tom will reach out to Jeff from Moosewood to ask for recommendations for trail builders.

It would be a great idea to have the Selectboard attend planning for the possible Veterans Memorial Park at the start so they can understand what the GCC is talking about before they contract with anyone. Maybe just work on the trail and let the Selectboard hire the same people they did for Oak Park for the memorial park.

As far as the removal of the items at the parking lot, it may be worth looking into a demo dumpster. Tom will reach out to Ray Cilley and Dave Thimmel to see if they may be available to help at the clean up.

Clean up crew – Roadside Round up will be 4/27 and Clean up will be 4/28 and another day in May. Karen will reach out to Dorene to find out about adding this to the sign.

8:34 pm Candi motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Brenda. Motion passed, all were in favor. The next meeting of the GCC will be 7:00 pm February 28th, upstairs in the meeting room at the town offices.