Greenfield Conservation Commission (GCC)

Meeting Minutes March 26, 2024 Recorded by Michelle Hall

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

7:02 pm Karen called the meeting to order.

Approve or Amend previous meeting minutes

Candi motioned to approve the minutes. Seconded by Tom. Motion passed, all were in favor.

Current Business:

Roadside Round-Up: Changes in the plan? Need to stuff seed packets

This was completed before tonight's meeting. Brenda was able to get gift certificates from Pickity Place, Belletetes and Studio One Salon; and is going to try a few more locations. Brenda will send a reminder email to businesses to see if they are interested in donating. Roadside Round-up will be April 27th.

Next Steps on Professional Trail Construction

It is likely this won't happen until next year due to the survey, wetlands boundary marking and poison ivy removal needing to happen first. Tom will inquire with Jeff about the wetlands survey in additional to the current contract. It is too soon to start talking with the trail builders, currently they have been in contact with two companies. Tom will do some networking at the coverts training.

Surveying the Town Lots for the Trail

Hank was present to discuss his findings. He discovered there are several recorded plans in the area. His company would locate almost everything that they find as the survey would not be for purposes other than preservation. He suggests that the GCC have a wetland person come in, it shouldn't cost too much, before Hank's people come in and putting a trail on the ground before marking it on paper. Hank informed the GCC that if his company makes the trail layout, it would be circular and they would put rods along the trail. Hank recommends one of the trial builders to come out at the same time as the survey is being conducted. Karen will meet with the Select Board regarding a survey.

Coverts Program: Update on Tom's Status

Tom's background check is in process and has been accepted pending criminal record check.

Tom's Hike: How did it go?

Ten people attended the hike, which was enjoyable and very fun.

Program Planning

Brenda has not been able to work on this. She is able to create the flyers but does need help with the coordinating. Tom suggested adding a program calendar on the agendas. Karen will reach out to Ella at the library to confirm the program dates to reserve the Wensberg room.

<u>Possible presentation by Mike Gagnon on the history of NH Forests. When would we like to do this?</u> The consensus of the GCC is that this would be a great February program for next year.

Tom ran into Gary Russell who would like to have a forest committee meeting on a Sunday. Carla is going to sent Tom a digital copy of the Forest Management Plan.

8:00~pm Tom motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Candi. Motion passed, all were in favor. The next meeting of the GCC will be on April 24^{th} at 7pm upstairs at the town offices.