

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2014

Meeting was called to order 7:05

Present: Evy Nathan, Jeff Sluder, Bruce Cliff, Michael Dostie

Guests: Walt Roy, Denise Gelina, Teresa Rudnock, Andy Rudnock, Brandon Moser

April Minutes were accepted as written

Treasurer was absent, no report

Denise Gelina showed us a photograph of the Frye Forest entry sign, and also showed the trail map signs that the scouts will install this Saturday. Kyle was not present as he had a band concert.

Brandon Moser handed out posters for the Powwow Spring kick off and family fun day. He also showed us a map of locations of milfoil and targeted treatment areas on the pond, it is expected that the milfoil on the pond will be as bad - or worse - this year. No dates for chemical application have yet been determined.

Mike Dostie gave a brief review of the spring clean up work he's been doing along the trails at Valley Lane.

Correspondence:

The "intent to cut" a large 85 ac. tract around Mill Pond by Sumner Kalman was discussed. The CC is concerned that, in spite of a clause in the DES approval that the land may be logged ONLY if it is being cleared for BFMP and not for development - that development is the ultimate intent.

Planning Board Plans for review

Summit Outdoors solutions: the Committee reviewed the submitted paperwork, asked questions regarding chemical storage and a spill plan, and found that our concerns were adequately addressed in the documents.

The Committee will submit a "no comment" to the PB.

Bruce Cliff summarized the Torromeo wetland restoration revision.

Action Items:

- **Lead contamination was not addressed. Evy to check on this.**
- **NHB has not mentioned any endangered species. Recheck on that.**
- **A plan for a conservation easement was mentioned in the letter, to be completed by May 1, but we have not received any easement plan. The CC would like to see the plan.**

The Rusnocks summarized the appeal of Montana Realty, as they had just been to the ZBA meeting. No decision by the ZBA was made, as the appeal must ultimately go before the PB. It was reiterated that MR's intent is to build on illegal fill, and that the same plan has been rejected twice before.

New Business/old business:

Our next meeting date of June 5 was moved to June 12 because of a conflict.

Evy reported on her 2 hour planning session with Sarah Sallade, biology teacher at SRHS, regarding the 4th semester invasives project collaboration.
A field day at Frye will be held with Fred Borman on the 15th
A presentation of papers by students will be held on June 10th
The actual workday is June 17th

A possibility of suggesting rain gardens at Trendezza and Bolton's was discussed.

Clean up of Little River at the SLS complex on Rte. 125 has become unnecessary. The property management company will see that it gets done.

Action item:

Check the Little River area in June

Targets at Dorre Road Town Forest have been removed.

A new magnetic sign at \$59 has been ordered from Voss signs to replace the torn older one.

Arbor Day crabapple habitat trees are to be planted this Saturday, May 10, by the Jr. Girl Scouts at the library. The idea of the fairgrounds was given up because of a lack of available water.

The idea of CC members attending PB meeting on a rotational basis was discussed. It was decided to vet the meeting agendas, and go if there are important issues to be discussed involving conservation.

Evy reported on progress of the upcoming Wild Kingston photo contest. The plan is to go digital this year, and so need we need to link our Checking account to PayPal. All agreed that PayPal is a safe way to receive entry fees.

Alicia Geilen, our past chair, is presenting Gardening for Wildlife on May 14th. All members are encouraged to attend.

The tire dump at Frye was discussed again. Jeff said he talked to Rich St, Hilare, and that Rich told Jeff that he would charge the Commission \$1.50 - \$2.00 to remove scrapped tires!

It was decided that unless the state can find a resolution for this issue, that we will use the tire dump as an instructional site, an example of a local environmental disaster.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10

