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## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES---August 3, 2020**

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm

Members present: Betsy Hardwick, Pam Avery, Kelly Marshall, Robin Haubrich, Jeff Briggs, Don Crooker, Don Shuffleton, and Scot Heath.

Members of the public in attendance: None.

### **Minutes:**

-Meeting minutes of June 8 and July 20 approved as amended.

### **New Business:**

-Potential wetland violations on Russell Station Road and Red House Road. Russell Station Road site; it was reported that an excavator was seen operating in what may be a wetland area. Code enforcement officer John Kendall is aware and will let concomm know if there is an issue. Red House Road site; it was observed that gravel was dumped within a wetland adjacent to Whiting Brook. After discussion, consensus was for Betsy to proceed with notifying the property owner and the contractor doing the work, and to report to DES.

-Clarkville Road Conservation Easement. The Francestown Land Trust (FLT) has asked if we will accept an Executory Interest in a Conservation Easement they are currently negotiating. An amount of \$3,000 would be expended from the Conservation Fund and paid to FLT. Discussion followed in regard to the conservation attributes of this 20 acre property and the balance in the Conservation Fund. Kelly moved to expend \$3,000 from the Conservation Fund to acquire this Executory Interest, conditional on a to-be-held Public Hearing. Don Shuffleton Second. Motion carried unanimously (Betsy abstained).

-Trail work. Catherine Fogg informed Betsy church missionaries are available for trail maintenance work. Consensus was for them to start with the Lord Town Forest, and then Scot's Trail in the CMTF; Pam to supervise.

-Shattuck Pond Town Forest. Kelly reported a canoe left at the pond, owner unknown. Jeff reported he took down and cleaned up several fire pits.

-Outdoor environmental education program at FES. Heath moved to spend \$500 from the Conservation Fund, payable to FES, for this purpose; second by Pam. Unanimous in favor vote.

### **Old Business:**

Fisher Hill Town Forest. The Millers to complete gravel access and parking area by August 22. Estimated cost is \$4,000, to be paid from the Conservation Fund.

-Kelly reported rain barrels have sold out. Have plenty of compost bins remaining for sale.

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-Storybook walk. Not likely to resume until next year, this fall at the earliest.

Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote 7:58 pm.  
Scot Heath, Secretary