

Stoddard Conservation Commission
Meeting Agenda
Thursday, February 22, 2024 7 pm @ Town Hall

Members Present: Geoff: X Bob: X Jason: X Jaelynn: X Aaron: _____

Agenda:

1. Roll Call

2. Accept Minutes from January 24, 2024

Meeting minutes accepted. Motioned by Jaelynn Stetson, Seconded by Bob Fee. All in favor.

3. Pioneer Lake Update

- a. Riser needs to be cleaned out
- b. Aaron: We need quotes on road work

Unable to follow up with listed concerns due to the absence of Aaron.

4. BLA Decision from Planning Board Feb.8, 2024 (minutes still not posted)

The Planning Board approved the Little Big Forest Boundary Lot Adjustment on February 8, 2023. Waiting for final copy of laminated map from town for filing purposes. Bob Fee sent a follow up email.

5. Need to elect the following officers: chair, vice chair, secretary, and treasurer

These officers will play crucial roles in guiding the Commission's activities and ensuring its smooth operation.

Chair- Jason Kovarik

Vice Chair- Bob Fee

Secretary- Jaelynn Stetson

Treasurer- Jaelynn Stetson

LBF Update

6. Wrapping up Reports for LBF

- A. Annual Report to USFS (LCHIP pending)
- B. USFS LBF Mgt plan submitted and accepted
 - i. Jason Kovarik and Jaelynn Stetson will be primary contacts for USFS.
- C. Robert Winterbottom purchased printing of Little Big Forest management plans through Staples for \$342.67. Invoice approval motioned by Bob Fee, Seconded by Jason Kovarik. All in favor.

7. LBF activities to Schedule

- a. Trailhead kiosk: Review draft narrative and map
 - i. Don Healy suggests two 38" wide x 48" long panels (see attached)
 - ii. Who should build?
 - 1. Professionally by Lou Shelly

2. Boy Scout Eagle Project (get Lou Shelly to supervise)
3. Motion to approve up to \$3,000 for kiosk funds. Motioned by Jason Kovarik, Seconded by Bob Fee. All in favor.
- b. Need to schedule for spring construction for parking lot and kiosk.
Unable to schedule at this time due to the absence of Aaron.
- c. Need to schedule time to Blaze bounds; flag out trail 1st; then paint/blaze (Geoff has the boundary paint).
Geoff will assist in flagging out the trail, then allowing all members of Con Com and LBF SC to walk and approve of trail placements prior to final blazing.
- d. Need to schedule time to review trail layout; then flag trail, then place markers.
Potential date: March 30 at 10:00.
8. Approve payment for LBF mgt plan (see attached).
Jaelynn Stetson, Bob Fee and Jason Kovarik approved and signed the invoice.

Treasurer's Report

- a. Jan. 24, 2024 M & B bank account for LBF Stewardship balance: \$131,752+/- i.
BLA abutter payments: \$18,000+/-
ii. Bailey Dec. 2024 payment: \$20,000
iii. Conservation Fund accrued from previous years: \$17,409
- b. Total Funds (not counting two Pioneer Lake accounts with Trustees of Funds):
\$187,161+/-.

9. Stewardship Committee

- a. Should the Little Big Forest Stewardship Committee become a 5013C?
The Conservation Commission believes this should be attained, but will require additional information regarding who will hold this account.

10. Respond to Library Request for Input on Town Recreation Funds

- A. Interest in additional trail mappings of town land and access. Geoff will be revising maps to prioritize general public interest. Obtain Con Com arcGIS credentials.
- B. Potential for signing out kayaks/canoes and associated equipment from the library. Liability waivers may be required.
- C. Scheduled group hikes continuing outside of Stoddard 250th celebration.
- D. Annual ice fishing derby with a primary focus on children engagement. Will include all waters in Stoddard.
- E. Boots and Paddle Group
- F. Maintenance and upgrades of JFES ball fields for recreational usage.
- G. Potential rope course in the LBF

11. Granite Lake Water Quality Committee: Want Rep from con com

Granite Lake Water Quality Committee interested in a representative from the Con Com. At this time, they have Geoff Jones' contact information and are currently waiting for further

interest and communication.

12. **Additional Notes**

Geoff Jones gave the Town Hall key to Jaelynn Stetson at this time.

13. **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 20:31. Motioned by Geoff Jones, Seconded by Bob Fee.