

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF 6-25-2014

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Stoddard Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: June 25, 2014

Meeting Time Start: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Town Hall

Members Present:

Geoff Jones____X____

Scott Semmens_____

Paul Crosby____X_____

Brenda Bryer____X____

Merrilee Frable__X__

Members of public present:

- John Lightbody
- Stephen McGerty
- Barbara Cleveland

Agenda

1) Field trip to Pioneer Lake with Faulkner School~ Wrap Up

- *Very positive response from teachers at Faulkner school*
- *Merrilee to make a poster for Olde Home Day– Curry printer
18x24 poster to hang up around town hall*

2) Trail work.

- Stoddard Rocks vista cut, clear trail south
 1. *Geoff will email when that trail work will be done during the summer*
 2. *Announce trail work at Olde Home Day talk*
- ID signs for trail jct. (Don Healy will donate)
 - (i) *Geoff offered signs to be made for road leading to John Lightbody's property to deter public from using road*

3) Olde Home Days

- Friday Nite Program
 - *Geoff does preliminary introduction*
 - *Paul will introduce Laura (Monadnock Menus)*
 - *Geoff will discuss protected lands*
 - *Merrilee and (hopefully) kids from Faulkner School will talk about Faulkner School hike*
- Cordwood Raffle
 -) Aaron Bryer~Donate
 - i) Geoff~work up 4-ft wood for display
 - *Paul offered wood already cut up for display*
 - ii) Sales strategy~Mill Village Store; commissioners work parade route, early sales: START NOW!!
- *Tickets now available for sale for cordwood raffle. Brenda and Merrilee offer to work parade route.*
- *Conservation commission will post picture of raffle winner on website.*
- Sunday Hike
 - *Meet at trailhead at 1pm*

4) Pioneer Lake dam~removal of beaver debris

- *Geoff cleared out beaver debris (three days of work, four boatloads, ~1,000 lbs of debris). Geoff had discussed with LPC and DES prior to debris removal*
- *Commission proposes building a “fence” around the culvert opening to keep the beaver from building up and making cleaning easy. John Lightbody confirmed that a similar structure had been built before and had been effective but needed to be replaced.*
- Loon Preservation Committee
 - *Chicks had hatched so loon monitor had no concerns about lowered water level.*
- DES Dam Bureau

5) Other~Barbara Cleveland

- *(see below)*
- *Mowing of trail: concerns about habitat destruction along trail, forever wild designation. Concerns about loss of 2 yellow lady slippers along trail. Commission will take this into consideration with future management decisions.*
- *Concerns about the suddenness of water being released. Would have preferred it be more incremental. Will be considered in the future – especially will be taken care of with fencing.*
- *Paul proposes Pioneer Lake Advisory Subcommittee – to be placed on September agenda*

Other discussion with public:

- *Issues of posting meeting times on website. Commission will now be able to post updates on meetings in real time. Commission will post when meetings will be held – winter and summer hours, and will post (in a timely manner) when meetings are cancelled. They will also put out calls for agenda items during times of the year when meetings will likely be canceled due to lack of agenda item.*
- *John Lightbody's road/ public access issue:*
 - o *Conservation commission will work with John and town to write a draft of an agreement regarding use of road*

Agenda Items Proposed for July

- *Pioneer Lake management*
 - o *Signage on property*

Meeting adjourned at 9:00PM

Next Meeting: July 23, 2014, 7:00 pm @ Town Hall