

Conservation Commission
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
May 11, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sarah Childs
Scott Orzechowski
Jeremy Rhodes
Dale Smith-Kenyon

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeremy Degler
Kevin Dodds
Angela Ficco

STAFF PRESENT: Michelle Mears

The meeting was called to order by S. Orzechowski at 6:06 pm.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes.

S. Childs moves to approve, D. Smith-Kenyon seconds. Motion Carries 4-0-0

2. Public Comment

None at this meeting.

3. New Business

A. Any correspondence

D. Smith-Kenyon: Letter received from Sheila Swallow, a resident of Sunningdale. The correspondent has seen many multiflora roses on 2-6 Cattail Lane and near Gagnon Hill Road. They haven't yet bloomed, but will soon; D. Smith-Kenyon will follow up with the writer.

B. Any new business to come before the Commission

i. Tree City USA Renewal

S. Orzechowski requests renewal dates; M. Mears will follow up on dates and with DPW for sign placement.

4. Old Business

A. Easement monitoring

S. Childs will check on Garrish Commons and Lenox Park with another member; Garrish Commons may be HOA administered; M. Mears will check.

B. Any Correspondence

None at this time.

C. MEMBER ITEMS, SUB-COMMITTEE ITEMS, AND REPORTS

i. Lily Pond wildlife management plan

S. Orzechowski will follow up.

- ii. Invasives plan sub-committee report
No update at this time.

- iii. Exploration of potential trail project at Malley Farm

A. Ficco, K. Dodds, and S. Orzechowski checked the trail the weekend of 5/7-5/8. At least one spot near the ballfields is in need of water bars. A bridge is also needed; complicating this is a makeshift dam. Erosion and ATV tracks are present at a previous crossing. There are also orange flags on the trail; cause is not known, but may be associated with a foot race. A. Ficco is following up with trail experts.

- iv. Community Wildlife Habitat Publicity
S. Childs following up; City of Somersworth Facebook page may be a good option.
- v. Naturalist Project Publicity
City of Somersworth Facebook page may be a good option for this as well.
- vi. Culvert Assessment
Culverts and associated material are laid out on Commercial Drive for upcoming work; D. Smith-Kenyon will check with DPW for status

D. Any other old business that may come before the Commission

- i. Chain Link Fence at Maplewood: M. Mears will follow up.
- ii. Dirt Piles at Middle School: Appear abandoned; M. Mears will follow up.
- iii. Pinewood Easement Monitoring: DPW was unable to locate the junk spotted by commission vendors. S. Childs will provide coordinates to assist in locating.

5. Treasurer's Report

Current Balance is \$188,686.24
Interest of \$45.64

6. Sustainability committee report

To be removed; no new chair has been appointed at this time.

J. Rhodes moves to adjourn, D. Smith-Kenyon seconds. Approved 4-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Jeremy Rhodes
Conservation Commission Secretary