

Conservation Commission Public Minutes
5/11/17

Present: Tim Copeland, Bob Keating, Allison Knab, Bill Kenny, Pat Elwell

Minutes

Reviewed 2/22/17 meeting minutes from Donna. Pat moved, Bob seconded approval of minutes with the word "mailbox" deleted. Motion passed.

Mailbox

DES letter regarding from 16R Autumn Lane regarding their pond installation. They are asking for after the fact approval. The CC will receive notice from DES Once the application has been filed and will have an opportunity to respond to the filing.

SELT newsletter received, it has primer regarding vernal pools included.

There was no new business to discuss.

There were no municipal updates.

Old business

Barker Farm site walk was conducted tonight. Edie would like to close certain trails to restore the forest. All people on the sitewalk were in agreement with that including Seth Hickey from the rec dept. There is a stream crossing that needs to be repaired. Jeremy from SELT would like to put together a guide that would outline how property would be maintained. The ALE grant is due at the end of June and SELT is working on it.

SMS is meeting tonight to discuss the maintenance of the grounds and use on non-toxic/organic practices.

Allison responded to an inquiry regarding recycle bins. The inquiry stated a concern that because they are open bins trash can blow. It would be an incredible expense for the town to provide covered bins, and Allison noted to the individual asking about the bins that they are free to use any type of container they prefer, including a covered container, and can write "recycling " on it.

Clean-up day

Was not a great success. Only 8 people showed to assist. The weather was cool and damp. We discussed revisiting the timing. Suggestions for the future:

People can come at any time during the three hour period, they don't have to do the full three hours.

Pat made a motion, Tim seconded, reimburse Allison for expenses she paid for related to the event.

Motion passed.

Bob handled compost bin pick up on the morning of the clean-up day. Bill still has some bins and some people still haven't picked up. He has sent emails and the rest will be kept at the highway department.

Tim moved, Bob seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Elwell