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MINUTES OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, August 31, 2021 – 6:30 p.m. – Town Hall Conference Room

Members Present: Bill Bilodeau, Laura Byergo, Joe Fedora, Brad Lajoie, Lloyd Ziel

Members Absent: Rich Collins

Chair Byergo opened the Conservation Commission meeting at 6:30 p.m. It was announced a quorum was present and the meeting was being recorded. Attendance was taken by roll call: B. Bilodeau – present, L. Byergo – present, Joe Fedora – present, B. Lajoie – present, L. Ziel – present.

1. Committee Reports

- 300th Anniversary Celebration (York Center for Wildlife Program, Brochure, Trail Sign, Scavenger Hunt); Community Outreach Flyer on Wildlife Corridors: L. Byergo reviewed the items that would be taken to the printer on Wednesday, September 01, 2021. The scavenger hunt flier would not be going to the printer right away. There will be a map indicating the location of the wildlife corridors in Greenland. B. Lajoie suggested adding a link to the Connect the Coast website.
- Scavenger Hunt: The scavenger hunt will be self-directed. The scavenger hunt needs to be posted on the website and copies at the Town Hall before the events start on September 11th. There will be small prizes available for those who complete the scavenger hunt. Scavenger hunt results are due to the Conservation Commission on Sunday, September 19th. The results will be judged by the Conservation Commission and prizes awarded.
- Sunday, September 19: L. Byergo asked for volunteers to help at the Conservation Commission table. L. Ziel has contacted Barbara Fleming about a space big enough for the animals that the York Center for Wildlife will be bringing. It was noted that the wildlife ambassadors will be there at 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. for the first show; the second show will be 12:45 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Trail Maintenance and Easement Monitoring: L. Byergo and a friend were out on the trail recently. Her friend got lost on the trail; it was not clear where the red trail continued. L. Byergo stated she realized that the red spray paint has worn away. She will go out and respray next week.
- Printing and Pricing: L. Byergo has gone to RAM Printing. They will be printing 4-inch decals with the Town logo and "Conservation Easement" printed on them. The decals will be put up in Falls Way in October. The cost is \$258 for 100 decals. An 18" x 24" trailhead sign is also being printed on 3mm ACM material rather than aluminum; RAM is an indoor/outdoor material. The cost will be \$130 uninstalled.

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- Brochures: The cost of printing 100 brochures will be \$129. L. Ziel suggested L. Byergo ask for pricing on 200 or 250; there may be a price break. J. Fedora asked if the brochures would be available at the trailhead. In order to have brochures available at the trailhead, there must be a box and someone would need to check the box on a regular basis. L. Byergo preferred to have them available online and in public places. There is a map at the trailhead and people can take pictures of that. There was a discussion about where brochures could be placed.
- Certificate of Appreciation: A Certificate of Appreciation will be given to Matt Hager-King (Eagle Scout) at the Conservation Commission booth on Market Day during the 300th Celebration for his work on the bog bridges and signs.
- Trail: B. Bilodeau suggested marking the trailhead and various locations on the trail with balloons during the 300th Celebration week. Next year's project will be a sign on Rt. 33 for the Liberty Hill Trail.

MOTION: L. Ziel moved to approve up to \$180 for the printing and installation of the trailhead sign. Funds to come from the Conservation Commission warrant article. Second – B. Bilodeau; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: L. Ziel moved to approve up to \$258 for the printing of the outdoor "Conservation Easement" decals. Funds to come from the Conservation Commission warrant article. Second - B. Lajoie; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: J. Fedora moved to approve up to \$129 for the printing of 100 brochures. Funds to come from the Conservation Commission Town budget. Second – B. Bilodeau; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: J. Fedora moved to approve up to \$87 for printing of 100 wildlife fliers. Funds to come from the Conservation Commission Town Budget. Second – L. Ziel; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: L. Ziel moved to approve up to \$278 for the printing of 50 scavenger hunt cards. Funds to come from the Conservation Commission Town budget. Second – J. Fedora; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

There was a discussion about making the scavenger hunt cards more generic to be used year-round. L. Byergo will discuss a generic card with the printer.

- Trail Maintenance: Larry Day, J. Fedora and B. Lajoie have been maintaining the trail by cutting brush back. The trail would have been overrun without their help.

MOTION: J. Fedora moved to approve the reimbursement of \$45 to Larry Day for the rental of equipment for trail work. Funds to come from the warrant article. Second - B. Bilodeau; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

- Trailhead Sign: The trailhead sign will not be installed until September 15th or September 16th. If it is not installed by September 19th, it will be at the Conservation Commission booth during the final day of the 300th Celebration. J. Fedora will have the bucket and cement available for the installation. L. Byergo felt the best location for the sign was the parking lot but that may not be possible because it is a gravel lot. Another location may be underneath the existing signs; there are vegetation and

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rocks. L. Byergo suggested putting the sign in front of the chain or behind the chain on the left where people walk.

2. New Vice Chairman

B. Bilodeau will be stepping down as Vice Chairman but would like to stay involved. J. Fedora would like to stay involved but not as Vice Chairman. It is good for the future of the Conservation Commission for one of the younger members to be Vice Chairman. B. Bilodeau noted that L. Byergo did the prep work for meetings. L. Ziel was uncomfortable with his schedule at this time. B. Lajoie stated that he felt he was already at capacity and it would depend on what the position entailed. B. Bilodeau suggested the Commission not have a Vice Chairman. If L. Byergo was unable to attend a meeting, there would be four members available to chair the meeting. L. Byergo responded that it would be too chaotic; one individual needed to be available. The Vice Chair needed to be aware of the Conservation Commission's work so they could chair a meeting if necessary. B. Lajoie stated he felt he needed more experience. J. Fedora will act as Vice Chairman until March 2022. L. Byergo stated the Commission has a foundation but there was leeway with the roles.

There is one position available as well as two to three alternate positions. There was a discussion about recruitment. B. Lajoie noted members must be residents of Greenland. L. Byergo stated the Conservation Commission has a good foundation of members and there was leeway with the roles.

MOTION: B. Lajoie moved to nominate J. Fedora as Vice Chairman, term to expire March 2022. Second – L. Ziel; four in favor, one abstained (J. Fedora). MOTION CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes

L. Byergo, B. Lajoie, and the summer intern looked at 4 Tower Place for the wetland delineation markers. There could be a closer look with a site walk.

MOTION: J. Fedora moved to approve the minutes of Wednesday, July 14, 2021. Second – B. Lajoie; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

4. Other Business

L. Byergo asked members to review the information that was included for the meeting on Wednesday, September 08, 2021. Southeast Land Trust will be at that meeting to discuss the Smith Farm. A Conditional Use Permit for 309/333 Portsmouth Avenue will also be reviewed. Members should bring all information to the meeting on September 08th. L. Byergo will finalize details with the printer and get information to L. Ziel for the website.

5. Adjournment

MOTION: L. Ziel moved to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Second – B. Lajoie; second: All in favor. MOTION CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, September 08, 2021 – 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Conference Room

Submitted By: Charlotte Hussey, Administrative Assistant