

## WEBSTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

DATE: November 9, 2022

Members present Chris Schadler, Chair; David Nesbitt; Sally Embley; Mary Jo MacGowan.

Guests: Bob Quinn, Isabel Brintnall

Absent: Betsy Janeway

Meeting called to order 4:10 pm

Meeting adjourned 5:20

### Agenda Item

1. Approve minutes from October meeting Moved by David, seconded by Mary Jo and Approved
2. Announcements: Chris presented the proposed budget to Select Board Monday night. The budget request was for \$2500 to cover Bob Quinn's work with the WCC and an additional \$500 for administration. The Board approved.

Chris also mentioned that Chief Steve told her of an outbreak of "Blue Tongue Disease" affecting the local deer population. This disease is a fatal and fast acting condition and Webster is the first town to note its presence.

3. Discuss candidacy of Rich Perez: After some initial discussion it was decided to table the vote on Rich's candidacy until he could meet with the WCC again, hopefully at the December meeting.
4. Discussion with Bob Quinn: Bob had previously delivered a proposal of actions to the WCC that he would be coordinating

over the next year. Its main focus would be to work on the Natural Resources Inventory to identify the status and habitat of state identified threatened or endangered species residing in Webster. Survey work would be done through the next few seasons to identify bird, amphibian and mammalian species. We have a data base of birds compiled over the past 150 years; more recently Betsy Janeway and Bob Quinn have been adding to this. The data would be submitted to the NH Fish and Game Department's website. Initial work would begin this upcoming Monday when the commission meets at the town hall to review the map collection to identify initial areas to study.

5. Boat launch maintenance: There was a brief discussion on brush hogging the new Janeway Memorial boat launch site and who might do it. A few names were mentioned and would be approached for a bid. David would continue to mow the pathway to the river and lay out the area to be cleared for a bench or picnic table. It was decided to table further discussion until bids had been submitted.
6. Trail Maintenance: It was decided to resume trail work at the end of Deer season on December 5.
7. Other Business: Sally mentioned that she knew of a woman who might be interested in joining the commission. Chris asked her to invite her to the next meeting to introduce herself. Sally also mentioned that the Warner River Advisory Commission needed another member from Webster (each community sends two representatives to the commission). It was decided to table this until the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20. Moved by David, seconded by Mary Jo, approved by all. Submitted by David Nesbitt.

