

Webster Conservation Commission
December 14, 2022

Present: Mary Jo McGowan, Isabel Brintnall, Christine Schadler, David Nesbitt

Guests:

Agenda Item	Summary
1. Approve minutes from November meeting	Moved by Chris Schadler, seconded by MJ Amendments: Steve Adams noted as chief Bob McGowan noted as volunteering to brush hog boat launch approved
2. Meet Sally's neighbor Amy	Sally and Amy unable to attend. Tabled until next meeting. Chris to send invitation to attend next meeting.
3. Candidacy of Rich Perez	Rich unable to attend meeting. Tabled until next meeting. Chris to send invitation to attend next meeting
4a. Maintenance of Conservation land Janeway Boat launch	A sign should be designed and installed next spring. It was suggested that members go home to come up with ideas for the text and official name of the boat launch. The bench: Chris asked what should the bench be made of and how should it be secured to prevent theft? MJ suggested we look into the State Prison store to see if they could make something that would be appropriate. Chris noted that we had received one bid for \$500 to brush hog the site. MJ noted that Bob McGowan had volunteered to brush hog the site when he did some work on his property in the spring. The Commission decided to accept this offer. David volunteered to keep the path to the river mowed during the season.

<p>4b. Maintenance of conservation land Riverdale and Mock Forest</p>	<p>David reported that he had repainted the trail markings in Riverdale and removed several downed trees and brushed out the trails. Chris noted that she had walked the trail afterwards and had no issues finding her way.</p> <p>David noted that a few new trees had fallen on the main trail at Mock and that he would go out and remove them asap, weather permitting</p>
<p>5. Monitoring easements</p>	<p>MJ reported that four easements have been done in the last few weeks: Riverdale, Mock Forest, Phelps, and Cushing. The Janeway property and Rockefeller properties still needed to be done. Reports were sent in on the first four properties to Charlotte Harding of the Conservation Land Stewardship</p> <p>The issue of getting to Ox Pond was raised as the old trail had been totally obliterated by logging. David and Isabel volunteered to try to find a way back to the Pond in the near future.</p>
<p>6.New Business</p>	<p>Chris announced that Dee Blake was considering dropping her Boscawen and Salisbury newsletters but keeping the Webster Grapevine. Chris wanted to be sure that there was WCC news in each issue and a speaker's program could be created. Chris mentioned that Kathy Fife of Canterbury would volunteer her tick talk, probably sometime in the spring. Chris also mentioned that she had attended a "Big Tree" talk in Lyme recently and that might be an interesting program. The cost of that would be \$200. It was suggested that the Town Library might want to cosponsor these talks. Chris volunteered to give a coyote talk.</p> <p>Isabel mention that NH Fish and Game was starting a citizen scientist project to ID and monitor butterflies in the stae. Perhaps they could send a speaker to explain this, possibly with the WCC and the Garden Club?</p>
<p>Meeting was adjourned at 5:08 moved by David, seconded by Chris.</p> <p><i>Minutes respectfully submitted by David Nesbitt</i></p>	