

**Webster Conservation Commission
11 January 2023**

Present: Chris Schadler, Chair; David Nesbitt; Sally Embley; Betsy Janeway, Isabel Brintnall, Mary Jo MacGowan

Guests: Bob Quinn

Agenda Item	Summary
1. Minutes from December, 2022	Meeting was called to order at 4:07 MJ moved to accept the December minutes, David seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved
2. Discuss Natural Resource Inventory (Bob Quinn)	Bob reiterated the four key points of his proposal and described his approach of meeting with WCC members individually in his data collection process. We discussed the timing of the project and the contract. Bob and Chris will be meeting this week to finalize the terms of the contract.
3. Perspective member discussion	Neither Amy nor Rich will be joining the WCC at this time.
4. Riverdale Trail Report (David)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David reported that he updated the blazing on most of the trails recently • David and Chris revisited after rain and there was significant flooding • David proposed a bridge over a particularly wet section and showed pictures of a simple, sample bridge. He will get an estimate for the materials • We also discussed options to relocate the trail away from the steep slope and the sink holes and posting warning signs for safety
5. Monitoring Easements (Mary Jo)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MJ noted that after reviewing the boundaries in GAIA much of Riverdale is outside the trails and possibly inaccessible because of water • MJ also mentioned that she received an email from Connie Colton, Land Protection and Stewardship Coordinator at the Forest Society (SPFNH) with a copy of the monitoring report for the George easement. She sent it because the town holds an executory interest in the easement. Connie clarified that the town does not hold an interest on any of the other SPNHF easements in Webster. • The George monitoring report will be sent to Dana with the minutes • The paperwork on the four easements already monitored was submitted to CLS

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only the Rockefeller and Janeway easements remain to be monitored and we expect to complete them in the next couple of weeks. • Ox Pond – David scoped out a trail using a topo map to get to the easement off the logging road. Debris from logging has made access more difficult. He will propose a time to head up there next week.
<p>6. New Business/Correspondence</p>	<p>Discussion about perspective speakers</p> <p>7. Speaker from Northern Woodlands will give a talk on big trees</p> <p>8. Speaker on Butterflies (Heidi Holman from NH Fish & Game Non-game) who does a workshop with Susie Spikal. Hoping to get more involvement from the town</p> <p>Bench at Boat Launch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed options for a bench at the boat launch including participating in a program from NexTrex who will donate a bench for every 500 lbs. of recyclable plastics collected • David plans to research the recycling program • The February meeting will be moved to the 15th to ensure a quorum
<p>Motion to adjourn by David, seconded by Betsy and accepted at 5:19</p> <p>Minutes respectfully submitted by: <i>Mary Jo MacGowan</i></p>	