

**Webster Conservation Commission**

**8 March 2023**

**4:00 PM Town Hall**

**Present:** Chris Schadler (Chair), Sally Embley, David Nesbitt, Mary Jo MacGowan

**Guest:** Isabel Brintnall

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Summary</b>
1. Appoint Secretary and alternates, if needed.	Meeting commenced at 4:06 Mary Jo offered to take the minutes Chris motioned to accept February minutes MJ seconded and the motion passed
2. Signage for Conserved Land	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Informational signs on conservation properties<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ The WCC discussed adding signage to two conservation properties: Mock Forest and the boat launch</li><li>○ The signs will resemble the signs at Riverdale in style, weight, color, and font</li><li>○ Capital copy is giving Chris an estimate</li></ul></li><li>• There was a brief discussion about the bench at the boat launch<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ David and MJ will research the TREX option further and report back next month</li><li>○ Sally reported that TREX can be very specific about the 'film' type plastics they require</li></ul></li></ul>
3. Ox Pond Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Update on Ox Pond<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ David and Mary Jo discussed the visit to the Ox Pond Easement</li><li>○ MJ shared the route (on GAIA) with the group and said she hadn't submitted the report yet as she is having trouble saving the GAIA image</li></ul></li><li>• MJ also reported that she spoke with Connie Colton from SPNHF who is looking for a report on the Janeway2 easement</li><li>• We did not monitor it last year (we thought it was in Hopkinton)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Chris knows how to access it and will show MJ how to get to it</li><li>○ Connie sent some information that MJ will look at in more detail</li></ul></li><li>• The other Janeway easements still need to be monitored and MJ will schedule some time and send to the WCC</li></ul>

4. Earth Day Town Clean-up	<p>Decisions about Town Wide Clean-up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chris will reach out to Black Forest to see about plants to give away</li> <li>• Clean-up will begin on Earth Day (4/22) and continue for a week (until 4/29)</li> <li>• Once again we will leave bags outside at town hall for the week</li> <li>• Chris is drafting an article about the event for the Grapevine that she will circulate to the WCC</li> <li>• We will ask participants to take their own bags to the dump or to call Chris if they need assistance</li> <li>• We will discuss further in April</li> </ul>
5. Salamander Watch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Isabel and MJ are participating in the Salamander Crossing Brigade Zoom workshop hosted by the Harris Center on 14 March 2023</li> <li>• It may be specific to the Harris Center activity but some information may be applicable to Webster</li> <li>• Isabel and MJ will report to the WCC next month</li> </ul>
6. Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brief discussion about how a bottle bill may reduce roadside litter</li> </ul>
<p>Meeting was adjourned at 5:19 PM</p> <p>Minutes respectfully submitted by: <b>Mary Jo MacGowan</b></p>	