

Conservation Commission Minutes

February 11, 2014

Present: Garvan Donegan, Zack Matzkin, Mitch Wacksman, John Planinsek, Jim Tasse, Town Planner Maureen O'Meara

Guest: Ray Haversat, Kathleen Jannick

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

1. The minutes of January 14, 2014 were approved unanimously.
2. CELT – Kathleen and Ray discussed their plans for new trails at Robinson II. They mentioned that CELT has been busy attempting to get accreditation with the National Land Trust Alliance. Now that task was almost completed and they wanted to focus more time on trail work on CELT property. Ray showed an example of wooden map tray holders that were being built by Cape High School students and offered to supply them to the Commission. Ray suggested the possibility of a trail day combining CELT and the Conservation Commission. Mitch Wacksman suggested CELT contacting NEMBA if they needed additional volunteers for trail work. CELT is planning on using prefabricated metal bridges similar in design to ones used at Great Pond. Maureen said that she would give Ray the name of companies that we had contacted for bids on that project. The possibility of standardizing trail maps and signage on shared CELT/Town properties was also suggested. CELT thought it made the most sense for them to take the lead in an attempt to gain easements for the final parcel of land needed to connect Robinson's II to Shore Road.
3. Priority settings for 2014 were voted and agreed upon.

Shovel Ready:

1. Great Pond
2. Winnick Woods new trail loop
3. Winnick Woods existing trail maintenance
4. Signage
5. Town Center Trail
6. Accessibility
7. Trout Brook II

Gull Crest mud hole and the application of mulch on the Town Farm Trail are to be completed by Public Works as weather and time permits.

Other:

1. Trails 1,2,3,5 & 6
2. #14 Spurwink River
3. Scott Dyer Trail
4. Boat Rack

Jim T. started a discussion about removal of a snow bank from a trailhead at the end of Cliff Ave. Decision was made to contact the owner of the adjacent property if equipment was needed to remove the snow.

Maureen gave a quick summary of on-going discussions on ways for the Town to delineate the high water mark.

Topics for discussion for the March meeting:

Signage

Further clarification for where snowmobiles are allowed

Possible trail closures due to wet conditions for bikes/horses.