

Conservation Commission Minutes  
September 8, 2015

Present: Mitch Wacksman, Zach Matzkin, Mark Fleming, Jeremy Gabrielson, Jim Tasse, Marti Blair, Planner Maureen O'Meara

Guests: Caleb Weinstein-Zenner, Boy Scout Troop 30

Meeting called to order at 7:08 p.m.

1. Eagle Scout project. Caleb Weinstein-Zenner, from Boy Scout Troop 30, is interested in an Eagle Scout project at Cottage Brook, but the Commission noted that there is probably not a project there because the developer is responsible for trail-building. Caleb would prefer to do his project in one weekend, before heavy snow.

Projects suggested were: installing Cross Town trail signage; developing the Cross Town interpretive trail including signs and/or informational website with QR codes; building bridges on the blue trail in Cross Hill/Winnick Woods; re-routing trail and bridges at Cross Hill.

2. The minutes of August 11, 2015 were approved unanimously.

3. Greenbelt Plan Priorities. The Planner organized the projects prioritized by the Commission last meeting, in order according to number of stickers placed on each project.

Priority 1: Canterbury Trail, Greenbelt Plan #3 and #4. The Planner was asked to pursue an easement for the Canterbury Trail. The Commission is looking to connect to Hobstone.

Priority 2: Loveitt Woods access, Greenbelt Plan #1. The Planner was asked to pursue an easement from Glenden Road and Rock Wall Lane property owners for access to Loveitt Woods.

Priority 3: Alewives Brook to the Sea Trail, Greenbelt Plan #18. This will be placed on our wait list.

Priority 4: Dyer Woods to Oakhurst Trail, Greenbelt Plan #1. We have several disjointed pieces of this trail.

Priority 5: Sawyer Marsh/Trout Brook trail, Greenbelt Plan #2.

Motion: To request the Planner to investigate obtaining public access rights to Priorities #1 to #5.

Passed unanimously

Priority 6: Gull Crest Outer Loop Trail. This project would be to add a third board to the walkway.

Priority 7: Nordic Trail surface rehab. There are portions of the trail that need hardening and drainage improvements. The Planner was asked to reach out to the Nordic trail boosters.

Priority 8 & 9: Pollack Brook bridge and adjacent trail/cemetery; Riverside Cemetery to the Spurwink Marsh. The Commission scheduled a trail walk to scope out this trail for Tuesday, September 15 at 7:00 a.m. Meet at the Spurwink Church.

Priority 10: Cross Hill/Winnick Woods blue trail boardwalk. This will be suggested to Caleb Weinstein-Zenner as an Eagle Scout project.

Priority 11 and 12: Encroachment aerial assessment, Enhanced trail buffering. Possible encroachments by abutters will be identified and abutters notified; potential locations for additional buffering from adjacent properties will be identified.

Priority 13: Cross Town trail signage. Metal identification disks will be installed along the length of the Cross Town trail.

4. Planning Board review. The Village Green Town Center Zoning Amendment would amend the maximum front yard setback when a project includes a village green. A village green with buildings around it is being proposed for the four acre property next to Town Hall, which would require the zoning amendment.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Next meeting: October 13, 2015