

Conservation Commission Minutes
DRAFT February 10, 2015

Present: Mitch Wacksman, Zach Matzkin, Mark Fleming, Marti Blair, Town Planner Maureen O'Meara

Guests: Sheila Wellehan, Jessie Timberlake, Anne Carney, Suzanne McGinn

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

1. Citizen comments. Dog walkers at Winnick Woods. Because CELT has changed their policy at Robinson Woods, there is an increased usage by dog walkers on town properties, especially Winnick Woods. Sheila Wellehan spoke on behalf of a group of dog walkers who would be interested in helping with sign posting. They suggest the possibility of a dog waste station, which would cost approximately \$200. They were asked to provide potential language for signs.

2. Citizen comments. Snowmobiles at Great Pond. Anne Carney of CELT stated that snowmobiles are wrongly using their deed-restricted property at Great Pond. CELT placed signs that were soon removed. CELT is asking that the Commission post signs on Golden Ridge and Fenway as well. The Commission may invite snowmobilers to a meeting next year to discuss issues and options for access.

3. The minutes of January 13, 2015 were approved unanimously.

4. Cross-town trail. Suzanne McGinn of CELT showed some possibilities for signage. The trail is intended to go from Fort Williams to Kettle Cove, a distance of 7 miles. There was discussion of re-routing CELT's current cross-town trail to go through Stonegate instead of walking on Dyer Pond Road and to utilize the new western boardwalk outer loop at Gull Crest. The sign could include a QR code that would give directions. There was discussion of including information and interpretation.

The Commission decided on a 2 inch diameter round aluminum disc trail marker, in color, with the words Cross Town Trail and possibly a logo. The Planner will investigate prices. The logo could then be used to paint on the road in areas where the trail follows the road. It was suggested that the signs could be posted as a project on National Trails Day.

5. Winnick Woods. The Council approved the Commission's request to apply to DEP for a permit for a new bridge/boardwalk at Winnick Woods. The Planner will submit the request. In addition, we need a local permit, which would be presented to the Planning Board at their March 3 workshop.

6. Winnick Woods signage. It has been suggested that we install intersection signs. There was discussion of whether intersection numbering is useful.

7. Canterbury on the Cape. A representative will come to one of our meetings.

8. Boat rack expansion. The Planner sent a request to the Sprague Corporation for an additional boat rack.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Next meeting: March 10, 2015