

Conservation Commission Minutes
DRAFT August 11, 2015

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

Guests: A.J. DiNinno; Peter DiNinno

Meeting called to order at 7:09 p.m.

1. The minutes of July 14, 2015 were approved unanimously.
2. Boy Scout project. Troop 30 will be holding a Camporee at Gull Crest on October 23-25. They have offered to conduct a project at Gull Crest as a "good turn" payment. Peter DiNinno presented the possibility of two projects: adding a third board on the Outer Loop boardwalk; extending the boardwalk. Costs for materials would range from \$2500 to \$3230. The "good turn" for this Camporee would be hauling the materials in. The construction project would be led by Peter as an Eagle Scout project over the following weekends.

Motion: To authorize the expenditure of up to \$2600 for materials for the Boy Scout project of extending and widening the boardwalk at Gull Crest.

Passed unanimously

3. Winnick Woods Bridge update. The lumber has been delivered to Public Works and they are cutting the lengths. The site is basically cleared. The start point is the end of Warbler Drive in Eastman Meadows. The work day is scheduled for Saturday, August 15 at 8:00 a.m. The Planner will send out a notice for volunteers and make sure the Land Trust is included.

4. Greenbelt Plan Priorities. A list of potential projects was created as a 2-year plan. Commissioners voted on top priorities.

Gull Crest Outer Loop 3rd board widening – 1; Potential Boy Scout project

Nordic Trail surface renovation - 1

Canterbury Trail system (Greenbelt Plan #3; Canterbury on the Cape Open Space) - 4

Loveitt Woods access - 4

Potential Greenbelt Plan Trail #1 - 2

Potential Greenbelt Plan Trail #5 (Carr property)

Potential Greenbelt Plan Trail #10 (Methodist Church property) - 1

Riverside Cemetery to Spurwink River (partial Greenbelt Plan#13)

Winnick Woods blue trail bridging; Potential Boy Scout project

Pollock Creek Cemetery

Potential Greenbelt Plan Trail #18 (Alewives Brook to the Atlantic) - 3

Encroachments. The new aerials could be used to determine if encroachments are potentially occurring, and prepare a letter to be sent to landowners.

Enhanced vegetative buffering adjacent to trails

Sawyer Marsh/Trout Brook with South Portland – 2

Cross-town trail signage

5. Planning Board Review. The Cape Elizabeth Land Trust is applying for a Resource Protection Permit to add additional boardwalk at Robinson Woods. They are proposing 195 feet of linear boardwalk, and asking for a permit for 250 feet, and 60 feet of fencing for vernal pools.

Motion: To recommend to the Planning Board the approval of CELT's Resource Protection Permit for up to 250 feet of boardwalk at Robinson Woods, with the stipulation that the ends be ramped. To recommend approval of fencing for vernal pools.

Passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Next meeting: September 8, 2015