

Sharon Conservation Commission
December 26, 2023

Minutes

On Tuesday Dec. 26, 2023, a regular meeting of the Sharon Conservation Commission was held at the Sharon Meetinghouse on Route 123 in Sharon, New Hampshire at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were Anne Fischer, Anne Booth, Beth Fernald and Belinda Backstrom.

Minutes

Accepted the November minutes.

Financial

Conservation Commission Fund balances as of 11/31/2023:

Conservation Fund:	Interest	\$113.90	Balance	\$ 139,394.15
Town Forest Fund:	Interest	\$ 83.02	Balance	\$ 101,587.97

Beavers

Beavers are damming further upstream from the Mill Rd. bridge, according to neighbors in that area.

Town Forest

Discussion of unsolicited trail marking and maintenance being done. Per RSA 41:11 the Selectboard can agree to rules for Town owned land. Anne F. will bring this to Selectboard. Plan to change language on website and possibly have new signs made. Anne B. said there are many of the orange plastic signs in archives. Also discussed were cairns on sides of Swamp Rd.

Once the rules of the forest are confirmed, we will ask Deb to send an email to town list stating that trailwork is nearly complete and noting the rules under RSA 41:11.

Trail work

The trail work has been completed on all trails, except Meadow Brook from the Sharon Arts Center to Big Tree. Discussed having trail signs made. Ken C. said that Rick Lusky will make them for us. The signs needed:

Meadow Brook Trail 2 miles to Rt. 123 (2 of these)

Meadow Brook Trail 2 miles to Sullivan Loop

Big Tree Trail 1 mile

Big Tree Trail 1 mile to Jarmany Hill

Sign ordinance

There was discussion of number of signs (and size of one sign) at entrance to Wales Preserve. We have a size ordinance, but do multiple signs add up in square inches/feet? Should we ask Nature Conservancy to limit signs? Anne F. will mention to Selectboard.

Intent to Cut

Anne B. said the Selectboard will provide the Conservation Commission with copies of each Intent to Cut that is filed.

Conservation Easements

Discussed drafting a friendly letter and including a map showing CEs in Sharon. Letter would suggest naming the easement after a landowner.

Moosewood Ecological LLC.

Updated contract was signed by Anne and Anne and returned to Moosewood after Jeff Littleton incorporated all of our suggested changes into the contract language (email to Anne and Anne 12/4/2023. Jeff also wrote "We look forward to project planning in the new year.

Possible Projects

Previously Beth outlined a list of possible future projects.

Trail Cameras

Nothing new.

Bonsal Property – South Road (Map 7 Lot 8 – 125 acres; Map3 Lot 46 – 46 acres)

Nothing new.

Gridley River Water Testing

Shane would need to contact Selinda directly.

Next regular meeting will be held at the Sharon Meeting House
Route 123 Sharon, New Hampshire at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday 01/23/2024