

Sharon Conservation Commission
March 26, 2024
Minutes

On March 26, 2024, 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, and Belinda Backstrom.

Minutes

Accepted the February 27, 2024 minutes.

Financial

Fund balances as of 3/29/2024:

Conservation Fund	Interest: \$116.60	Balance: \$138,478.48
Town Forest Fund	Interest: \$ 85.82	Balance: \$101,925.55

Beavers

Nothing new.

Town Forest

The Cons Com members present voted unanimously in favor of spending up to \$300 on new signs that will include rules about trail marking and cutting as well as trapping. Thanks go to Beth Fernald for researching the RSA. Anne Booth reported prices she has gotten on signs, with signs from Voss looking best. Anne B. will compare the Copies and More signs to Voss.

Anne F. reported on the trail hike with Mike Gagnon. Only six people attended the hike, despite 14 expected. Mike identified and discussed trees, the hemlock looper problem and pointed out the excellent example of a successional forest—suggesting that we make more small cuts 10 years apart to keep the tapestry of the forest varied. He mentioned summer internships to come in and trim the cut area, where we could select trees and trim the others. Anne F. will follow up.

Anne B. will attend the Selectboard meeting to ask for approval of the signs.

When the rules of the forest are confirmed, along with the relevant RSA[s], we will ask Deb to send an email to the town list stating that the Cons Com’s Town Forest trail work is ongoing and noting the Town Forest rules under the relevant RSA [s].

Trail work

There are trees down at the beginning of the Matthews trail and more marking needed on that trail. Sullivan Loop needs to be re-marked. Anne F. will ask Ken C. about posts for trail markers/arrows (needed on Matthews). We need a report on Meadow Brook and Big Tree Trail.

Conservation Easements

We still need to draft a CE inquiry letter to some Sharon landowners, including a map showing existing CEs in town. The letter could suggest dedicating the easement in honor of a landowner or other family member as has already been done in Sharon. Anne F. and Anne B. both said they'd try drafting a letter.

Moosewood Ecological LLC.

Jeff Littleton will attend our April meeting to introduce us to the iNaturalist program. We need to discuss how to get the word out—email blast, sign by the Town Clerk's desk, postcards by the door of the Meetinghouse for people to take?

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

Belinda Backstrom has agreed to take this on. Anne F. will ask Ken C. for Selinda info.

**Next regular meeting will be held at the Sharon Meeting House
Route 123 Sharon, New Hampshire at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday 04/23/2024.**