

Sharon Conservation Commission
October 22, 2024
Minutes

On Tuesday, October 22, 2024, a regular meeting of the Sharon Conservation Commission was held at the Sharon Meeting House on Route 123 in Sharon, New Hampshire at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were Anne Booth, Belinda Backstrom, and Beth Fernald.

Minutes

Accepted the August 24, 2024 minutes.

Financial

Fund balances ending 9/30/2024.

Town Forest Fund	Interest: \$ 72.18	Balance: \$ 94,903.67
Conservation Fund	Interest: \$105.85	Balance: \$139,168.84

Moosewood Ecological LLC's August 19, 2024 invoice for \$10,030 has been paid from the Town Forest Fund. The invoice was for "Information Review and Project Design, Ecological inventory, and Project Coordination."

Beavers

Anne B. has talked with Mary Beck about a beaver dam on her property (Map 6, Lot 25) . Mary is concerned about the dam impeding the flow of the Gridley River and is interested in possibly having a beaver deceiver installed. Anne will give her information about specialists. The dam is upstream from the location of the beaver diversion fence installed by Mike Callahan (Beaver Solutions, LLC) just above the Mill Street Bridge over the Gridley.

Town Forest

Nothing new. New signs need to be mounted at trail entrances.

Trail work

Nothing new.

Conservation Easements

The Cons Com's November meeting has been rescheduled to Thursday, November 14th at 6:30 at the Meeting House when Paul Doscher, Conservation Advisor and long-time (now retired) VP for Land Conservation at the Forest Society will meet with us regarding current Sharon conservation issues.

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

Nothing new.

San-Ken property on Swamp Road (Map 7 Lot-21 – 92 acres)

In August, Brian Hotz, Forest Society V-P for Land Conservation, told Beth that the Forest Society has been working on trying to find a way to buy the San-Ken parcel on Swamp Road. A land swap is not possible because all the land the Society owns in Sharon is subject to restrictions that require it always be used for conservation. Sometimes the Society is given land not subject to such restrictions, but Brian said they do not have any unrestricted land anywhere in this area.

Gridley River Water Testing

Belinda Backstrom has agreed to take this on.

New members

Nothing new.

**Next regular meeting will be held at the Sharon Meeting House
Route 123 Sharon, New Hampshire at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday 11/14/2024.**