Sharon Conservation Commission June 25, 2024 Minutes

On June 25, 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, Beth Fernald. Also in attendance was Stephen LaMonde of Moosewood Ecological LLC.

Minutes

Accepted the May 28, 2024 minutes.

Financial

Fund Balances as of 5/31/2024.

Conservation Fund. Interest \$124.34 Balance \$138,715.76 Town Forest Fund. Interest \$ 91.52 Balance \$102,100.20

Moosewood Ecological LLC's May 5, 2024 invoice for \$3,740.00 has been paid and will be reflected in the June, 2024 Town Forest Fund balance. The invoice was for "Information Review and Project Design, Ecological inventory, and Project Coordination."

Beavers

Anne B. sent a video of the beaver area on Mill Rd. to Mike Callahan who installed the diverter.

Town Forest

Discussed BioBlitz with Steve who gave us a demonstration of iNaturalist. He said he hoped we'd have ten people attend and send in photos. He mentioned the website "Nature Groupy" where such BioBlitzs are publicized and said we may get some people from that. ConsCom members discussed people they would reach out to to tell about the event. One person is at Rivermead, others are Sharon residents.

Signs: Anne B. ordered the signs, which we will mount on boards and attached to gates.

Trail work

Nothing new.

Conservation Easements

Anne, Anne and Belinda marked up a map of priority properties for easements. Looked at those that abut the Town Forest, have large acreage that could be developed or are adjacent to other protected lands. There was discussion of contacting Paul Doscher, the former VP of Land Conservation for SPNHF for 27 years. He is now Conservation Advisor. Mr. Doscher was instrumental in the Sharon Bog protection project.

<u>Bonsal Property – South Road</u> (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.

Next regular meeting will be held at the Sharon Meeting House Route 123 Sharon, New Hampshire at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday 07/23/2024.