

TOWN OF WAITSFIELD

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 19, 2023; 6:30 p.m.

**Hybrid Meeting - In Person and Via ZOOM
(see highlighted information below)**

MINUTES

Attending: Members: Curt Lindberg, Chair, Ted Joslin, Leo Laferriere, Vice Chair, Bob Cook, Bruno Grimaldi, Treasurer and Phil Huffman

Guest: Gail Okeefe, prospective new member

1. The meeting started at 6:30 p.m. Agenda was reviewed. Ted Joslin agreed to take the minutes. It was agreed that Item #10 dealing with finances would be discussed out of order and taken first.
2. Curt introduced Gail O'Keefe who may be interested in applying for a position on the Board.
3. Public Input - no public input.
4. Minutes for 5/19/23 are not ready for review.
10. Financial Matters - installment payment of \$1,167.00 was approved for work done by Surveyor Tom Short with regard to the Haskin Parcel.
5. The Tardy Parcel Management Plan. Phil Huffman discussed the status of the Tardy Management Plan. The Plan was approved subject to incorporating agreed-upon minor changes and subject to the Selectboard approving the Plan at their next meeting on June 26. Bob Cook mentioned that a Dubois and King site plan indicated possible reserved septic rights on the Tardy Parcel. Ted Joslin doubted there were any reserved septic rights on the Tardy Parcel but agreed to check the deeds.
6. The Scrag Trail Project. Trail work is on schedule to take place this summer.
7. Invasive Species. The summer volunteers are making very good headway working on removing knotweed at the Tardy property.
8. Highlights from Conservation and Recreation Visioning Forum. Phil Huffman stated the forum was broken into three different sessions. The first had prearranged questions. The second dealt with questions from the public. The

final session broke people into seven groups to discuss environmental and ecological thoughts and concerns. Two or three more forums with a consultant are planned. The Visioning Committee has 24 months to complete their project which will include maps. Curt pointed out it is important that trail locations take into consideration the ecological impact. Phil will be providing additional updates as the work continues.

9. Wu Ledges. Tom Spencer of StewardMRV inquired about working with the homeowners' association with regard to the Town's access rights to Wu Ledges. It was felt it is best for now to let the Commission continue working with the representatives of the homeowners' association on issues within its purview.
11. Other Business.
 - The next meeting: 7/17/23 at 6:30 p.m.
 - The Commission will consider invitations for future meetings for Misha Golfman, Ira Shadis and Robert Nelson.
 - Phil let the members know that Liza Walker will be leaving her position at the Vermont Land Trust but will be taking on a new job with another environmentally-oriented organization.
12. Adjourned 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Joslin, Acting Secretary