

## **Conservation Commission Meeting, Via Zoom November 11, 2021**

Minutes taken by Ruth Gutman

Present at the meeting were members:  
John Bozak, Ruth Gutman, Don Leuchs

The meeting of the Conservation Commission was called to order by John via Zoom at 6:33 PM.

Minutes from the October meeting were approved.

### John Wood Lot

John and Jerry attempted to visit the John Wood lot at the end of October but were impeded by a wide stream they were unable to cross. Another attempt will be made when conditions are dryer.

### Forest Management Plan

Don has been taking steps to see about hiring a forester to create a management plan for the Community Forest. He spoke to Forester Brian Reader (a former student of John's at the Thompson School). There are different levels of plans available. A thorough plan including an on-the-ground timber stand inventory would run about \$2,500, and a plan using mostly online resources with less details could be more like \$500 to \$800. John mentioned that Don has already done much of the preliminary work for a management plan. We discussed having a warrant article to ask the town to approve \$1000 funding for a plan, but Ruth suggested using money we already have to get the ball rolling, and making a larger budget request next year to cover the remaining costs. Ruth will also talk to Lee Burnett about grant opportunities. As the Forest will not be due for a harvest for at least another ten years, we are unlikely to need to more detailed and expensive management plan. John will write a letter to the CC members outlining what our choices are and to see if we want to go ahead.

### Nesbitt Pond

John has posted the newly printed brochures at Nesbitt.

### Recycling

Ruth heard from Lynne at the town hall that a new Waste Management contract was signed within the last few months. She will follow up with Waste Management and a member of the Select Board to see if there are any prospects at this point for recycling cardboard.

### New Members

Don has some leads and wonders if Three Rivers Land Trust members who reside in Lebanon may be good prospects. Ruth will check with the Three Rivers board about contacting members to invite them to a future CC meeting.

Winter Speaker

Ruth did not send the Center for Wildlife Zoom options last month, but will do so.

Multi Condo Development in Milton

A concerned Lebanon resident on Northeast Pond contacted the CC about a new development that is planned for the Milton side. John will follow up on the progress of this development and Ruth will check in with the TPPA to find out if it is on their radar and what their position is.

Next Meeting: January 20, 2022.

The meeting came to a close at 7:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ruth Gutman