

Minutes

Lebanon Conservation Commission

July 15, 2021 6:30 PM

Martha Sawyer Library

Attendees: Dan Blanchette, Jerry Lanoie, John Bozak, Ruth Gutman, Don Leuchs

Old Business

John reported on the Court of Honor ceremony for Eli Tetreault, the Eagle Scout who made access improvements for the Nesbitt Pond property. The event was well attended at Camp Nutter in Alfred. The trail from the camp buildings to the ceremony site was lined with American flags which John mentioned as a powerful moment. A similar ceremony for Ryan MacKenzie is being planned for September.

Hebo Hybo Road: Matt Leggitt from local ATV club was scheduled to report on his progress in determining access to the road. He did not attend the meeting.

Aquatic Invasive Plant signs for placement at Nesbitt Pond have been acquired by volunteer Deb Chase. Thanks for her efforts.

New Board Members for the commission are still needed. Potential names were mentioned and formal requests to those individuals will be sent out.

Ruth and John will send out formal invitations to some of the names being considered for the Board

Dan reported that he had tried unsuccessfully to get in touch with IF&W about stocking Nesbitt Pond but admitted this is their busy time of year and would keep trying.

New Business

Timber Cut: Dan reported that the Select People have been discussing a timber cut and potential sale of a Town owned piece of land behind the Hen House Restaurant. Dan and Jerry had tried to visit the site and reported that there is no access and permission to cross other lands had been denied by abutters. The parcel known as the John Wood Heirs Lot is further identified as map R2 lot 4A and contain between 17 and 20 acres. Dan raised concerns that the cut and proposed sale of the property was being done without input from the Conservation Commission.

John will contact the Select people to confirm the details and express our interest in having input into the process.

Don will contact the Town treasurer to confirm the actual legal process involved in selling the property.

Don expressed concern for other Town owned lands for which there is a goal of having a forest management plan and that the CC needs to be proactive and begin the process of getting funding for the plans.

Ruth and Don volunteered to see what resources and funding are available.

Town Owned Lands: Don reported on an update to lands owned by the Town. Several parcels previously reported had been released after liens on the properties were eventually paid. A number of new, small parcels were on the list and one larger parcel on Chick Road next to the Little River.