

**Conservation Commission Meeting, Via Zoom  
June 18, 2020**

Minutes taken by Ruth Gutman

Present at the meeting were members:

John Bozak, Ruth Gutman, George Main, Dan Blanchette, Ed Cheever, Don Leuchs

Guests:        Ryan Mackenzie, Eagle Scout candidate  
                  Eli Tetreault, Eagle Scout candidate

The meeting of the Conservation Commission was called to order by John via Zoom at 6:30 PM.

Minutes approved from prior meetings

Our last meeting was Cheri Brunault's talk about hiking the Appalachian Trail and no business was conducted.

Follow up with Eagle Scout Candidates

*Ryan – Community Forest*

Ryan has come up with some activities for his loop trail at the Community Forest, including stump tic tac toe and measuring a tree games. His last scheduled workday was postponed due to Covid-19, but is rescheduled for Saturday, June 20. He will head out with 10 to 12 folks with hand tools to work on the trail.

John suggested that we name the loop trail Sacapee Pond Trail and come up with a new name for the main trail. Ruth commented that we would need to wait for a map reprinting, but no one was opposed to considering the idea.

Ruth asked the Scouts if they had any guidance from the Scout Org. about safety guidelines during the virus. Eli said fundraising via bake sales had been ruled out, which is unfortunate as they raise a lot of money.

*Eli - Nesbitt Pond*

John recapped the visit he, Eli, and Eli's dad made to the pond. Eli proposes to create a parking space, stairs, and boardwalk access to the pond, which could facilitate kayak or canoe entry, in addition to fishing. He will also create signage.

Don asked about the hydrant located at the pond and if we would be impeding the fire department from accessing it. Eli explained that parking would be to the left of the hydrant and it was agreed that language about not blocking the hydrant should be added to the sign. There will be parking for two vehicles and the board agreed that it was unlikely to attract too many visitors at once.

CC members will share and agree on what the sign should say and what rules should govern the recreation area. This language will be forwarded to Eli.

Ruth will forward Eli's document of images and information about his project to the other members.

#### Old Business

Gully Oven never got its clean up. John will visit to see how things look now and replenish brochures, if needed.

John still has Community Forest signs. We proposed waiting until fall to reschedule our walk and put up the signs at the same time.

George reminded Ruth to mention the ATV club's clean up of the Community Forest and the road. We are grateful for their efforts.

Ruth will check with the town hall about term expiration dates.

July 16, 2020 will be our next meeting date, most likely via Zoom.

The meeting came to a close at 7:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ruth Gutman