

**Lebanon Conservation Commission Meeting**  
**December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

Minutes taken by Gerard (Jerry) Lanoie

Present at the meeting were members: Gerard (Jerry) Lanoie, Dan Blanchette, Anthony Peso, and John Bozak  
Guests: Ruth Gutman, Ryan McKenzie, Howie McKenzie

The meeting of the Conservation Commission was held in person at the Martha Sawyer Community Library and was called to order by John at 6:30 PM.

November meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

**Old Business**

1. Budget request is due by the end of December for the next fiscal year. Last year's request included: printing, supplies, zoom fee, and the Town Forest management plan grant match. Total last year was \$1100.00. Discussion to increase this year's budget request by 3% to reflect inflation.
2. Ruth Gutman from Three Rivers Land Trust informed the commission that there are possible land donations along the Salmon Falls River both on the Maine side and the NH side. She will keep us informed about the status of these possible donations and how they could impact our current townlands along the river.
3. Arbor Day is on 4/6/2024: The commission is officially on the list to obtain tree seedlings from the Maine Forest Service. John has learned that we will be getting Spruce tree plugs and that right now the quantity we may get is unknown. John also learned that the plugs would need to be picked up in Lyman in April. More to come.
4. Salmon Falls River lot off of River Rd: John will be sending a note to the selectman regarding his findings of soil types that are present there and our research regarding this lot.

**New Business**

1. Continued vandalism issues at the Community Forest: Eagle Scout Ryan McKenzie and his father Howie reported to the commission that items continue to get stolen from the kiosk. They have given up on keeping the trail information in the nice hard plastic cases and have switched over to plastic bags due to the cost of the waterproof plastic cases that keep getting stolen. There was discussion about moving the kiosk to the gate to help deter theft and also installing cellular trail cameras to get real-time photos/video of possible burglars.

**Next Meeting:** January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at the Martha Sawyer Community Library

The meeting came to a close at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerard (Jerry) Lanoie