

**Lebanon Conservation Commission Meeting**  
**February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Minutes taken by Gerard (Jerry) Lanoie

Present at the meeting were members: John Bozak and Gerard (Jerry) Lanoie

Guest attendee: Anthony Peso

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.

**Old Business**

1. Minutes of January 19th, 2023 meeting were reviewed
2. Swearing in status: John and Jerry are all set. Unsure if Dan still needs to get sworn in.
3. Community Forest management plan:
  - a. John reported that he spoke to Selectman Paul Philbrick regarding the budgeted \$1500.00 for the management plan. John reports that Brian Reader (Forester) will be starting his work soon and will have this completed by the end of June, therefore there is no need to roll the \$1500.00 over to next year's budget. The deadline for completion for the grant remains 12/2023.
  - b. There was again discussion and agreement that we would work to brush out the Sacopee Trail this upcoming spring once the weather and road conditions allow.
  - c. Trail head sign: John has gone over to Burpee Signs of Sanford to get new signs made. These should be completed in a week or 2 and be ready for spring.
4. Salmon Falls River lot:
  - a. will get update from Dan regarding his discussion with the Scouts regarding possible projects.
5. Town budgeted money for Transfer station:
  - a. Jerry reported that he had spoken to selectmen Philbrick and Walsworth who clarified that the \$1500.00 was for transfer station improvements, not just for recycling. Jerry will contact Selectman Walsworth in the near future to discuss a time for a site visit to the transfer station.

**New Business**

1. Review of the results of the January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 special election: Richard (Chip) Harlow was elected to the vacant seat.

**Other**

1. John reported that the Maine Forest Service is running an Ash Protection Training Series via Zoom beginning on March 6, 2023. If interested the contact is: [Ella.McDonald@Maine.edu](mailto:Ella.McDonald@Maine.edu)
2. The Maine annual bird count: now underway by the Maine Audubon Society

**Next Meeting:** February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at the Martha Sawyer Library

The meeting came to a close at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerard (Jerry) Lanoie