

**Conservation Commission Meeting, Via Zoom
October 21, 2021**

Minutes taken by Ruth Gutman

Present at the meeting were members:

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

The meeting of the Conservation Commission was called to order by John via Zoom at 6:37 PM.

Minutes from the August meeting were approved.

Review of Visit to Select Board in September

We asked to be given time to visit the "John Wood Lot" (behind the Hen House) to take a look before any decisions were made about selling it. We were encouraged to do so. We asked if the town's lawyer could determine the legal standing of the Hebo Hybo road access.

Hebo Hybo Road

Selectman Lizotte sent us a new key to the gate. We will write a letter addressed to the town counsel and forward it to Selectman Philbrick to approve and send along on our behalf as we don't feel any progress will be made on this issue otherwise (the Select Board has a lot to deal with and this is obviously not a priority). John will draft and forward to members for review.

John Wood Lot

Members will visit the lot most likely midday on Sunday, October 31st.

Community Forest

Don will reach out to some foresters recommended by John to find out how much a forest management plan might cost and what would be involved.

Recycling

Ruth will follow up with the town to find out if the Waste Management contract is now at an end and will do some preliminary research on grants to find out what might be available to help improve the transfer station and make basic recycling a possibility, as some members of the Select Board have indicated that capacity is a roadblock to recycling cardboard.

New Members

We could have two new members and will give some thought to prospects.

Nesbitt Brochure

Ruth's draft brochure was approved. She will make a couple changes and forward to John for printing.

Winter Speaker

Last winter's proposed speaker did not work out. Other options for this winter include a Zoom presentation by Center for Wildlife. Ruth will send the link to their online offerings.

Gully Oven

We could hold a walk at some point. There may be new folks in town who would like to visit the site. Don will take a trip over there some time to check in.

The meeting came to a close at 7:19 PM.

Next Meeting: John, Don, and Ruth will meet briefly via Zoom on November 11. Dan and Jerry will send a brief written report of their visit to the John Wood Lot for consideration as they will not be able to attend. Our next regular meeting will be on January 20, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Gutman