

Winterport Conservation Commission
August 31, 2023
Minutes

1. Call to Order: Alan Cohen called the meeting to order at 5:01
2. Roll Call Attendance: Kelsey Sullivan, Amy Browne, Alan Cohen, Katherine Collins, Mary Anne Royal
3. Approve June Meeting Minutes: motion to approve minutes as presented, AC, 2nd AB, unanimous.
4. Adopt-a-Road Update: no new volunteers; KC reported another multi-bag collection along her route.
5. Forester Quote Update: contract signed, Ken will attend September meeting to discuss his plans with us.
6. Trail-clearing Update/Equipment Request: Kelsey asked that we explore the possibility of using Town equipment to clear trails (chainsaw and brush cutter trimmer) or purchase our own equipment; MAR will talk with Town Manager about town equipment; KS will get costs for purchasing our own; consensus to explore with Town Manager a maintenance partnership with the town's Public Works Department; MAR will discuss with the Town Manager.
7. Airport Property Campground License: MAR shared her investigation of campground statute and reported she believed the Dragstrip needed a license to have campers on the Airport Property; unanimous consensus to ask the Town Manager to investigate; MAR will present to the Town Manager.
8. Property Signs: AC asked what we would like to do about graphics for the signs; MAR reported she was unsuccessful in creating a graphic with Canva and other design sites; KC made a motion to pay the \$90/hr cited by Caron Signs to have graphic created, 2nd KS, Unanimous: AC will contact Caron Signs asking for a mock up for Stream Road and Cove Brook.
9. Other Business
 - a. Project with Wagner/Smith thru RSU 22 Education Foundation: MAR explained the role the Foundation plays in supporting projects not within the scope of the curriculum or budget and proposed that we work with both schools to define a project they would like to take on; MAR will request as agenda item at the Foundation's next meeting and after that meeting AC will contact Dawn Moore at Smith and MAR will contact Angela Pratt at Wagner to begin the application process.

- b. MAR announced that volunteers can now be recruited as they can be placed on the Town's insurance policy at \$2/year/person; names submitted to the Town Manager will be placed on the policy and once verified we can put them to work; MAR will place announcement on Facebook page
- c. Grand Reopening of Blueberry Hill trail: AB suggest we organize an event with activities for Smith and Wagner students e.g., scavenger hunt; future agenda item
- d. Katherine Collins announced her resignation from the Commission; gratitude for her contributions were expressed; KS will pick up the monitoring of the snowmobile trail at the Airport Property; MAR will put a request for Commission members on our Facebook page.

9. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, AC, 2nd, AB; unanimous; meeting was adjourned at 5:49.

Mary Anne Royal _____

Alan Cohen _____

Kelsey Sullivan _____

Date Approved: October 26, 2023