

Mont Vernon Conservation Commission August 2021 Minutes**Wednesday September 8th, 2021 @ 7:30 PM at Town Hall**

Call Meeting to order at 7:35 pm, Seat Alternates. Present: Adrienne Penkacik, Joanne Draghetti, Aneliya Cox, Jay Wilson, Jim Chase, Shelley Brooks, Jim Bird

Acceptance of previous months minutes: Table accepting minutes until next month- need to have enough members present from the previous meeting

7:36pm **Bills to be Paid:** None

7:37PM **Correspondence:** two emails - Ed Stehlik asking if mountain bikes and/or e-bikes allowed on trails in Mont Vernon? The commission members discussed whether e-bikes should be allowed on the trails. Jay made a motion to make e-bikes considered motorized vehicles and therefore not allowed on conservation land and trails. Joanne seconded, Motion passed.

Another email - Aaron Gill - new resident at Westgate Rd. He found deed restrictions on native plant plantings for his property. Because it's on his property and not on the conservation land abutting his property it is not up to us.

New Business:

7:50 PM IDs - Creating IDs for all of our members - Wilton PD can make these IDs for us for free.

8:00 pm 2022 Budget - Adrienne presented last year's budget as well as what the commission actually spent. Discussed budget:

- Jay made a motion to spend up to \$200 on manuals for commission members. Joanne seconded it. Motion passed.
- Discussed increasing the sign budget by \$200 to account for increase in lumber prices.
- Discussed about adding budget item to survey some of our properties - Shelley will call a couple of surveying companies to get estimates to get this work done over the next couple of years. In particular view lots, Archibald and Francis Lamson lot.
- Jay makes a motion to approve 2022 budget as presented. Aneliya seconded. Motion passed

8:15PM **Old Business:**

- **Bench Purchase** - Peter is not here. Adrienne will reach out to him for an update.
- **Conservation easement walk** - Peter is not here, but we have until December to do the walk.
- **Google Docs-** Adrienne presented the conservation commission google Docs, where we can keep important documents
- **Mowing – Lou Springer** - Peter is not here.
- **Dead Tree Removal Update** - Jay will reach out to Todd about this
- **Hebert Lot Kiosk for Carelton Pond Check In** - This is moving forward - Karen will purchase lumber and have this built in the next month or two
- **BioBlitz** - Aneliya will post article on Facebook

- Discussed muddy trails with all of this rain - posting on the Facebook page a message to please refrain from mountain biking and horses during that time. Discussed waterbars being damaged.
- Jay brought up Beech Hill development - the owner of the property would like to be in contact with the commission to potentially involve Boy Scouts in projects in the area, perhaps to help with projects on conservation lands.

8:40PM **Meeting Adjourned: Jay made a motion to adjourn. Shelley seconded. Meeting adjourned.**

Meetings will be scheduled as need arises due to COVID-19, next meeting monthly meeting scheduled **October 13th, 2021**

Respectfully submitted by,

Aneliya Cox , Mont Vernon Conservation Commission