

Waldoboro Conservation Commission

Meeting July 19, 2016

Members present: Edward Fisher, Caren Clark, Alan Button, John Higgins Absent: Scott Byrd

Land Trust Representative Present-Joan Ray

1. Public Input-None
2. Election of officers-The following officers were nominated: Chairman-Scott Byrd, Vice Chairman-Edward Fisher and Secretary-Caren Clark. The final vote to accept these officers will be held at our next meeting on August 16, 2016.
3. Approval of May minutes were deferred.
4. Old business:
  - a. Town Forest Discussion-Edward and Barry Brusila will visit the Town Forest to determine if the old growth hemlocks are on the town property and if there are any impending dangers on the current trail. There were comments on clearing and improving the trail on town property and checking for carpenter ants.
  - b. Review of the poaching Case-Quarry Hill had oak trees poached last September and there were skidder tracks leading through the neighbor's (LUCE) property. The forest ranger and John Daigle went to view the damage and determined that there was enough destruction to warrant the pursuit of legal action. Follow-up actions need to be defined.
  - c. Update on Signage-Scott was going to let us know about the status of the signs. There is between \$1500-\$2000 set aside for signs at Dutch Neck Marine Park and other Town recreation areas. Joan mentioned that Bremen had signs made by the Two Bridges Jail for free and we should contact Hank Nevens on the Bremen Board of Selectmen to find out the details.
  - d. The placement of the picnic tables made by the Town Public Works Dept. was mentioned. Where and when they will be placed was not known.
5. New business:
  - a. DOT sign Offer-Emily Reinholt has information about nature signs from the DOT. They would point out the recreation areas and local activities around the town. We could also have a page on the town website for areas of interest and the land trust could keep a pamphlet to hand out.
  - b. Comments from new members:
    - i. Alan asked if more trails could be maintained at Quarry Hill for snowshoeing and general use. There is a snowmobile trail through the area, currently.
    - ii. Alan mentioned that there are prehistoric sites in Waldoboro near the Button Factory and on the opposite side of the Medomak River, as well. He recommended that we plan to research these areas of middens before the sites erode any further. Caren suggested that he make plans to do the research, put together a press release asking for volunteer help and the Conservation Commission would support his efforts and help publish his findings.