

**Town of Northwood
Conservation Commission Minutes
June 1, 2021**

Chair Levergood called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Chair Grace Levergood, Wini Young, and Susan Romano, Tom Chase, Steve Hampl and Grace Mattern.

Town Staff present:

Linda Smith, Land Use Specialist and Susan Austin, Land Use assistant

MINUTES:

May 4, 2021

Chair Levergood made a motion to approve the minutes of May 4, 2021. Mr. Chase seconded. Motion carried 6/0.

Election of Vice Chair

Mr. Chase nominated Susan Romano as Vice Chair. Ms. Young seconded. Motion carried 6/0.

Land access request for wildlife research

Ms. Young stated that this was something that came across from a UNH student who wants to count wildlife in the School Lot. He wants to set up um wildlife cams on the School Lot and record the wildlife as a part of his project.

Ms. Young made a motion to accept the request for this UNH student to have access to the School Lot for wildlife management with the condition that they send the location of the camera and send a final report to the Commission. Mr. Chase seconded. Motion carried 6/0

Complaint: 114 School Street

Chris Brown, Public Works Forman was present to discuss this.

Mr. Brown stated that he looked at this with Ms. Young, and determined that they do need some kind of erosion control. He stated that he also checked after the heavy rain and there was siltation about 500 yards down river. He stated that the biggest concerns he has is the placement of rocks that were already in the river that were dislodged and moved around. He stated that he thought they might give the resident a call to see if they would meet them in person and talk about the concerns. Ms. Smith suggested a memo sent from the Commission to the Building Inspector might be the best approach to this.

Invasive species at the Athletic Field

Ms. Young stated that if you go out and you go down to the Guptill Trails, you can't miss the huge bunch of Japanese Knotweed that has grown considerably since last year. She stated that she thought the Recreation Commission might want to have someone come out and take a look at it.

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Update on the Conservation Fund

Ms. Smith stated that the only difference from last month was the interest earned. She stated that she will keep this on the agenda for next month.

Update on the trails

Ms. You stated that the Tras Trail trail head is off of a private road and half a mile the trailhead down the road is a sign that says no trespassing. This is a private road that is narrow in some places. She stated that she would like to would like to close that part of the trail. Much of the southern part is an eroded stream bed. It's not maintained it has a lot of brush on it and blown down trees. She stated that she would like to see the trail sign removed, so they can determine a reroute.

Mr. Chase made a motion to close the trail and take the sign down and relocate the sign up on Parsonage Peak. Ms. Mattern seconded. Motion carried 6/0.

The members discussed a site walk and scheduled it for June 10 at 1:00 PM, meeting at the end of Old Mountain Road.

Update on the Transfer Station entrance

Mr. Brown stated that they put a wood chip berm around where the sand was eroding into the water. He stated that they have disposable silt socks that they are planning on putting along the stream banks that they ditched out to stop the erosion.

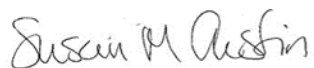
Letter of Thanks to Fred Borman

Ms. Smith stated that she would get a card so that the members could sign it at the next meeting, since it would be in person.

Adjournment

**Chair Levergood made a motion to adjourn at 8:09 PM. Ms. Romano seconded.
Motion carried 6/0**

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan M. Austin, Land Use Assistant