

Minutes of the Rindge Conservation
November 8, 2021 - Convened at 7:05 p.m.
At the Meeting House with Zoom Attendees

CC Members present: David Drouin, Richard Mellor, Phil Simeone, Fred Rogers
Alternate Members present: William Preston, Rob Rubendall, Fred Dodge, Deni Dickler
Guests present: Susan Tussing, Dean Hotman
Zoom attendees: CC Member Al Lefebvre, Guests: Bob Hamilton, Holly Koski, Jo Verrechia, Julie Sementa

Fred Dodge was present initially & left briefly to retrieve a laptop from his home to help facilitate the Zoom engagement that was initiated by Al Lefebvre in his home that joined those physically present via Dave Drouin's phone. Fred's laptop was then used when he rejoined us.

1. Wetlands Ordinance update joint committee update: With membership not yet completed and the timeline being short, it was suggested that a new target of clarifying interpretations rather than a formal Amendment Proposal might be more realistic. Background materials have been distributed to sitting members and David will notify the PB Chair of the RCC contributors. Public contributors have not been selected, that we know of.

2. A Workday was scheduled for 11/13 at 8:30 a.m. Starting at Rogers Landing & then Ford Family Wildlife Preserve.

3. Van Dyke Goddard Rd. Shoreland Violation update: Richard sent emails to Jeff Blecharczyk of DES and Jamison Van Dyke expressing our lack of satisfaction with the planting plan submitted to DES by Aspen Environmental Consultants. DES was requested to withhold final approval pending an amended plan that meets RCC expectations (greater native species diversity more closely reflecting the pre-event conditions). And Jamison was advised to respond with a revised plan or the RCC would seek a third-Party proposal with expenses billed to him.

4. Rindge Stone & Gravel Update: RCC received an invoice for Survey expenses required for the pending Sub-Division. These were misdirected and the responsibility of the current owner.

5. DTS Tire Plan: Bob Hamilton reported a Cease & Desist Order was pending due to unapproved onsite activities.

6. Rob & Al reported their management activities at Converse meadow & Tetreault park respectively.

7. FY 2022 RCC Budget discussion: We agreed to seek to maintain the Status Quo from this year.

8. NHACC Dues are covered for this year. Next year's Dues will be paid in January.

9. RCC received an anonymous letter suggesting inappropriate damming of the Little Miller's River between N, Street and Converse Meadow. Richard agreed to share this with DES under the signature of RCC (DES cannot respond to anonymous complaints) as the concern seemed legitimate.

10. Fox Run Easement Follow-up: RCC was copied a disagreeable and largely erroneous letter from one of the property owners misrepresenting our mission and actions. David composed a written response but no further action need be taken until next year's review.

11. We reviewed a DES Dredge & Fill Wetlands Permit Application for Dam repairs on Damon Upper Reservoir by John Hunt. We had no issues of concern, and no signature was required.

12. Approval of Minutes of 10/28/2021: Motion to Approve; Phil Simeone, 2nd Fred Rogers; All in favor.

13. Motion to Adjourn: Phil Simeone, 2nd Rob Rubendall

Minutes recorded by Richard Mellor