

Dublin Conservation Commission

DRAFT MINUTES

March 16, 2022

5 PM Town Hall

Members attending: Jay Schechter, Katie Featherston, Felicity Pool, Maria Finnegan, Jerry Branch, John Morris

Checking Account Balance – Katie will follow up with Kate Fuller.

Advocate Articles – April Article Submitted, Slovenian Bee Keeping would be good topic. Jay reminded commissioners that Katie has volunteered to organize this, not to write every article.

Open Space – Katie and Felicity Met. Considering July social meeting with property owners to discuss open space benefits. Maria will try to obtain a few Land Conservation booklets.

Rotary Park – Jerry planning new signs to mark trails, planting shrubs, finishing drive/parking work.

Felicity raised possibility of merging Dublin Lake Preservation Committee (DLPC) into DCC. Multiple reasons for doing this including overlap of members, lack of volunteers, expand water purview to all of Dublin waters, not just Dublin Lake. Commission voted to propose this to Select Board.

On going DLPC projects to fold in:

- Lake quality Monitoring – sampling done by Garden Club
- Organize Lake Hosts (need to find new workers this summer)
- Weed watch – organized by Garden Club

Jay gave an update on timber harvest issue. State will re-inspect when snow is gone. Raised question of whether DCC should actively monitor timber harvests. Katie will investigate and see if she has time to do this.

Jay reviewed DCC tasks that everyone had signed up for to make sure we were all on the same page as to what we are doing.

Jay raised question as to whether DCC should participate in blue bag (roadside trash pickup) state program. Commission discussed and decided, again, that this was another job that would need someone to pick up and run with so not take up for now.

Jay raised question (which someone had suggested to him) of whether the DCC should accept donations. We have already done so. QR codes were discussed but the belief is that the amount of donations would be small for the effort involved. After further discussion it was agreed that we should continue to accept donations but that we would not solicit them at this time.

John asked the commission to write a letter to Planning Board saying Neil Sanford had attended our last meeting and made a presentation about the proposed zoning and asking if this was a PB endorsed visit and respond to calculation issues in his presentation. Commission discussed and decided to not write letter.

Jay asked that we all RSVP meeting announcements and submit a written report on progress if we are not able to attend.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted, John Morris, Chairman, Secretary

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