

## Conservation Commission Draft Minutes

3/17/21

Members present: Jay Schechter (chair), Jerry Branch, Denise Frankoff, Wendy White and Susan Peters, new Select Board representative

### Old Business:

- Mud Pond Dam - Jay
  - Jay updated Susan Peters on the status of Mud Pond. Roger will need to make sure that the gate is clear of debris.
- Rotary Park – Jerry, Jay
  - Warrant article handout: Jerry and Jay will distribute the handout at town meeting in May, 2021
  - Jerry and Jay toured the park with Sullivan county forester Dode Gladder. (UNH Cooperative Extension is hiring a new forester for Cheshire County). Dode made suggestions about improvements that could be made to the park. Hemlocks are crowding out other trees – cherry, aspen and white birch. The Emerald Ash Borer is in Dublin and will attack and kill the ash trees.
  - Jerry and Jay will identify a person to do the forest work, in order to improve the park for visitors. Cost estimate: approx. \$3,000.
  - Grand Monadnock Rotary Grant: Jerry completed the application. Jerry will speak with the group on April 6, 2021.
  - Property lines: Jay still waiting to hear from Edward Goodrich, the original surveyor. Kate will contact him.
- Separate accounting of funds from land transfers and budget carryovers – Katie & Jay
  - Katie is getting familiar with the spreadsheets.
- Conservation Grants to be investigated – Carole, Denise and Katie – ongoing

### New Business:

- Publicity - Articles for Dublin Advocate – Denise and other members
  - Rotary Park warrant article, April, 2021 – completed. Jerry will select date for the tour and add it to April Advocate article.
  - Management of invasives – June or July, 2021
- Conservation planning/Open Space Plan - Katie, Wendy, Felicity
  - Members discussed obtaining electronic copies of the materials that Wendy obtained from Jack Lewis and Southwest Regional Conservation Commission. These materials reflect extensive work done in 2005, 2006, 2008 and 2010. Wendy will ask Nancy Campbell if she has a copy. Jay will investigate obtaining electronic copies. We do not have the names of current owners of parcels listed in these materials.
- Conservation Easements – Public Awareness

-Susan suggested 2 ideas: rerunning Advocate articles and organizing a community presentation. Members discussed ideas for a presentation at the library: contact people to participate - LSIP, Dublin residents who have easements on their property, NH forester, Betsy Harris, Peter Kenyon from Monadnock Conservatory

-The town does not maintain a list of all properties with easements. Wendy will reach out to the Nature Conservancy to see what properties they are managing. We may reach out to other groups who manage easements.

- ConCom Member list

-Jay distributed updated list of members

At 5:56 Wendy made a motion to conclude the meeting. Denise seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting Dates –Apr 21, May 19, Jun 16, Jul 21, Aug 18, Sept 15, Oct 20, Nov 17, Dec 15