

June 2023 WCC meeting minutes

Present: Gus Ruth, Bonnie Leveille, John Hann, Joe Faloretti, Mim Johnson, Natalie Quevedo, Chair.

Guests: Representatives from National Grid
(names to be supplied)

Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.

Representatives from the National Grid gave a presentation on A1/B2 ACR (Asset Condition Refurbishment) Project Update and response to concerns of the WCC.
(document on file)

Representatives had gone out a second time after concerns raised by Winchester. The intent was to revise the plan in order to have less environmental impact, to identify any erosion potential, to assess further forestry impact and to guarantee restoration.

Archeology studies are being investigated to discover any possible native American sites. A report of any findings will be provided to the Town and will be addressed in a non public session as native American sites are confidential.

Actions requested by WCC for approval:

- Before construction begins will show erosion control pre and post construction
- Fuel storage in triple layer barrel containers
- Pre and post impact matting plan
- Storm water pollution prevention plan
- (a verified copy of this list will be provided to the WCC)

Mim made a motion to write a letter of support from the WCC once we receive a confirmed response to addressing the WCC concerns. John seconded. Motion passed.

The project is scheduled to begin next year. There is a five year plan for recovery of any wetland impact

Minutes: May WCC minutes were reviewed. Mim made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Joe seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report: Checking account has \$59,531.77; Investment fund has \$65,448.34
Invoices:

Kilanski lawn care 5/18 \$35.00
6/02 \$35.00

Mim made a motion to pay \$70.00 per month until October after receive copies of the invoices. John seconded, Motion passed.

Mim had a request from the Timber Owners Association with a request for 2023 dues. This was questioned. Mim will hold this request until the July meeting.

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Mim presented a water bill. There was a discussion of if portions had been paid and amounts were questioned. Mim will review previous minutes and meet with Danielle to resolve.

WCC tabled a discussion on the WCC portion of the town audit.

Gus requested that the WCC be provided change of use figures. RSA states that the WCC should receive copies of Change of Use figures as they are received. Mim will ask Amy.

Old Business:

Pisgah Dam:

Joe reported on the copy of the DES report on the condition of the Pisgah dam in the park. The dam is in poor condition and failure could cause damage to dwellings below the dam. A motion was made to send a letter in regards to the report to all involved agencies and state representatives and the possible impact on the Town. The letter will first be sent to the BOS asking for their additional support. Motion passed.

Fund Raising:

Some suggestions were:

- Slide show on WCC properties
- Nature walks
- Programs to inspire youth and stewards
- Need for focus on grants and major projects
- Need to not charge for programs to encourage more involvement/just donations
- Wulff property curriculum be used. (Nat said took to the school and Access)
- Kids hike in the Fall

Bylaws revisions: were tabled until next month.

Gunn Mountain Property:

Gus, John, Joe and Charlie Koch inspected the property to assess what type of cut was required. Charlie will mark trees for patch cuts, hire a logger whom he will pay out of proceeds {12%} The charge for Charlie is \$75.00/hour and the cost of paint to mark the trees. Gus made a motion to hire Charlie and arrange the selective cutting. John seconded, Motion passed.

Bent Pond:

John said Charlie Koch manages the property. John feels we should pursue purchase of the property with deeded access. John will write a letter to the owners on behalf of the WCC to say we are interested in purchase and discuss why we would like to purchase and protect the land. Mim made a motion for John to write the letter. Nat seconded. Motion passed.

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Nat would like to have bat houses made to give out to community members or to place on our properties to help the bat population which is in danger. Mim made a motion to have Marc Leveille make the houses and to pay him \$200.00 for 25 houses and to possibly have Gus provide the wood. Nat seconded. Motion passed. Motion was amended to also pay Charlie Lawrence \$100.00 for a sign for the Musterfield Pavilion and to take the funds for both from the computer and Dues line items of the budget. Amended motion passed.

Motion to adjourn at 9:15PM.

Submitted by

Bonnie Leveille, Secretary

