

1/4/07

Conservation Commission Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

Present: Rosemary Shea, Chris Dawson, Chuck McGill, Joel Fay, Julie Elmore, Sarah Pinto, Pat Hechmer, Ben Ware

Reviewed status of current projects:

Discussed plans for the nature walk. Plan to have it in conjunction with the Ice Cream Social on Sunday 5 August, as well as with the Summer Concerts, which have dates to be determined.

Chris contacted Rovers North, they will be sponsoring the Nature Walks, which will help cover the upfront costs for the t-shirts.

Joel is going to get a contact for making t-shirts from his wife for Chris to get in touch with about different prices. The design will be determined in part based on this, but we are looking at having a small logo on the front, Rovers North on a sleeve, and the words "Westford Trailblazer" on it. They will NOT include a date so that they can be sold in the future.

Rosemary found that National Trail Day is Saturday 2 June, and she is going to register our Schultz Trail Day for Sunday 3 June for 1 p.m. People will meet at the Town Garage. By registering, we will get posters and a banner and be in their searchable database online.

Chris McBride is willing to do a series of nature walks for free, Rosemary is going to discuss the tentative dates with him.

Julie is going to be making posters for Town Meeting about the Nature Walks, she will be bringing them to the February meeting for review.

Reviewed the draft of the annual report and made numerous changes.

Rosemary is going to include the liability info on having trails on private land in the Adopt-A-Trail flier.

Bob Linck from VLT was in contact with the new owners of the Stanley property, who are in Colorado. He also toured the property, and said that there was some good and some bad to it. The owners might be willing to conserve, but are looking mainly to sell it.

Julie is going to look into doing displays for the library, as well as doing some presentations about our current trails and about finding other trails at the senior lunches that start in March.

Sarah went before the selectboard to talk about getting the mileage of the trails in town added to the certificate of highway mileage for Westford. The selectboard was very enthusiastic about also finding new trails, so she is going to be looking into an old trail off of Seymour Road, as well as at Hard Scrabble and Phelps trails.

Chuck confirmed that the Halls land is on the other side of Phelps Road, and is going to be looking for numbers on existing land conserved for the annual report.

Joel found a contact in Montpelier for getting a VAST trail map, Chuck is going to be getting in touch with them to get it in the proper format for him to use.

Ben may be going to a conference on the 25th about Local Water Quality Protection for the Commission.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Benjamin Ware