

## DRAFT

Charlestown Conservation Commission

8-15-22

7:01 meeting called to order by chairman Richard Holmes

Members present: Dean Bascom, Jim Fowler, Gabe Bailey. Dick Holmes, Gabe St. Pierre and Alternates Lelend Moorhead and Dick Lincourt

1. Minutes of 7-18-22 accepted without amendment.
2. 1110 Acworth Rd. Discussed 2021 estimate from St. Pierre for repair of road, replacement of culvert for \$11,585. Liz Emerson to request an update. She received an estimate over the telephone for a bridge from Hensen Bridges in the amount of \$40,000. They will schedule a site visit to refine the estimate. Dean Bascomb noted that Trout Unlimited could do a survey and partial bridge design for \$5,000 but they are backed up and indicate a bridge would cost \$150-400,000 as they design to state highway specifications. Discussion of bridge vs. culvert followed, considerations being cost vs. ability of wildlife to transit. Liz is still planning to apply for a Moose Plate Grant.
3. Trail Maintenance and signs – the snowmobile club has lost access rights for portions of two trails and has expressed interest in moving one section from North Hemlock Road, through the Reservoir lot to Old Acworth Stage Road and on to Hubbard Hill State Forest. After discussion it was moved by Dick Lincourt, seconded by Dean Bascom and approved to allow this. Jim Fowler to determine the route with Bill Fowle. John Lambert has been making and installing signs labeling the trails. Bill Fowle is constructing a kiosk for the Reservoir Lot trail. Gabe St. Pierre asked if the Commission would support renaming the Spaulding Wildlife Management Area to reflect the actual ownership of the land and the management of the forest. Gabe will further explore with Sharon Francis.
4. Boundary Line Marking – we are assuming the 2 gallons of paint available will be usable and will plan to do marking this Fall.
5. Trails Map Update – Gabe Bailey will confirm availability of GPS tracks for our trails; tracks for the new trails are needed. Planning to contact Cartographic Technologies to potentially create an updated map. Gabe St. Pierre to check the status of the SCA trails to determine if we should include them on the new map.
6. Old Home Day – planning to set up our booth by the Town Offices, 9-2 or so on Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup>.
7. Correspondence - one Intent to Cut on route 12A in South Charlestown. The Town has requested a budget request for next year. Jim Fowler moved to request \$1500 (same as this year), seconded by Gabe Bailey; approved.
8. Other Business – Gabe Bailey to try pulling some of the buckthorn on the Nature Trail. Gabe St. Pierre advised of plans for the Fort at #4 and an opportunity for the Commission to share some space in the to-be-reconstructed Hassam House.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm

Minutes submitted by Dick Lincourt

Minutes accepted by Dick Holmes, chairman

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Richard Holmes -chairman.

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