

HOOKSETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Monday, November 8, 2021
Hooksett Municipal Building
35 Main Street
Town Council Chambers

Open Meeting 4:30 pm

Attendance/Introductions Cindy Robertson-Chair, David Ross-Vice Chair, Deborah Miville-Member, Phil Fitanides-Member, Robert Better-Alternate, Alex Walczyk-Town Council Representative., Sheena Gilbert-Planning Board

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present

Public Input - None

Consent Agenda

Transfer from Conservation Account to Town’s General Account \$11,994.75

Transfer to the Conservation Account from Town’s General Account \$27,000.00

Motion to approve both items of the Consent Agenda by David Ross 2nd by Deb Miville all in favor

Meeting Minutes Approvals for October 18, 2021

Motion to approve the minutes made by Alex Walczyk, 2nd by Sheena Gilbert, all in favor

Invoices

Stantec Invoice \$1,722.50 Oct 13, 2021

Motion to approve invoice amount of \$1,722.50 made by Alex Walczyk, 2nd by Deb Miville, all in favor

Deb M do these bills go to the Chair?

Cindy R No they go to Community Development.

Moosewood Ecological \$6,520.00

(Total amount charged to date for Ecological Inventory \$18,680.50-including this invoice)

Motion to approve invoice amount of \$6,520.00 made by David Ross 2^{ns} by Deb Miville, all in favor

Appointments: None

Other Business

“Friends of the Trails” Program Discussion:

Cindy R last month we talked about maybe having a volunteer group organized that we could call on for trail maintenance. Phil Arnone did an amazing job with his Parks and Rec crew, and we really appreciate the work. We can still get a volunteer group together if that is a good idea to everyone else. Have someone from that volunteer group that would coordinate with them when we have a project in mind and that person could help us get them together

David R I think it is a good idea and it involves the community. It is not a big commitment maybe we could put it on the website and add the items we want to see done.

Cindy R good idea! A list of anyone interested in volunteering and keep the list of names so we can reach out.

48 **David R** I think we should keep it town residents

49 **Cindy R** I was involved with the group in Manchester. They did a call out for trail work, and I went
50 and it was great.

51 **David R** just so long as we have a coordinated group and take some time to define items we want
52 done.

53 **Deb M** we always have a hard time getting people to sign up on paper.

54 **David R** We can coordinate a workday with the things we want done

55 **Cindy R** yes, the volunteers would get together and pull bittersweet or other projects that we
56 have.

57 **David R** we don't want them just doing anything, we need to define what we will have on a list of
58 things to do and a list of people for a workday. 100% volunteer

59 **Cindy R** I was thinking more that we would have a bank of volunteers

60 **Sheena G** great idea I think we could use social medial and maybe start our own group. Maybe
61 give everyone 30 days in advance. A family day would be great too! We have a Hooksett
62 Community Board we can put it on too. Let's have a mission to add for the group page

63 **Sheena will help with the social media.**

64 **Alex W** I think a definition or a mission statement. I will be at the Library December 7th for Parks
65 and Rec, and I will ask there if anyone is interested in this too

66 **Cindy R** the mission statement, can it be made by Dec 7th ?

67 **Alex W** I will talk about it there

68 **Sheena G** do we have a date for this year?

69 **Cindy R** I would like to wait until Spring. Our next meeting in December we can talk about what
70 you have come up with for a mission statement.

71 **Sheena G** will work on something for a board

72 **2022 Meeting Schedule Reviewed and approved**

73 **Moosewood Ecological Interim Report for the Ecological Inventory and Trails Assessment for** 74 **Heads Pond Stewardship Plan**

75 **Cindy R** this is the interim report if any comments please pass them along. I did ask them to lay
76 out a map so we could keep track of the school map and they have done that so we will get it in
77 December for our meeting. Map 14 lot 2 is the school property those are trails that exist, and the
78 schools are expressing liability concerns of people using the trails on their property we will have a
79 conversation with the schools and keep them in the loop. Steve asked what trails would be better
80 for mountain biking

81 **Deb M** had questions about the trails, provided is a description/ report to read through

82 **Cindy R** recommends that everyone look through it and talk about it a next month's meeting.

83 **Cindy R** I went before Town Council with our WA and TC on its own merit raised the WA to
84 \$30,000. The Steward Ship Plan for the WA is almost 100,00 just to do the boundary and set the
85 markers. I pitched out that this is what we need and more money \$30,000 was approved by TC. If
86 the voters don't approve, we don't get anything. The money we get to use for the Steward Ship
87 comes from current use parcels that get taken out of current use and there is not much left for
88 that to happen. We need money to get this work don't. We will talk about the financing in
89 December and make decisions

90 **Phil F** is Stantec doing it or someone cheaper

91 **Cindy R** I will let you know in Dec.

92 **Sheena G** was there a bat population included? I feel like it was mentioned.
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95 **David R** I think the lower amount is a better way to go because the higher amount can be a no
96 vote and when they say no it is NO.

97 **Cindy R** they asked if you don't get this do you have anything? I told them no and they struggled
98 with this not being enough.

99 **David R** the concern of non-motorized vehicles may need to be restricted. We need to pay
100 attention to it. We will want to consider blockades

101 **Cindy R** it needs to be thought about. It is education, behavior modification and use that will
102 protect the trails

103 **Sheena G** I agree if more are walking there is less use of those motorized vehicles
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105 **Pinnacle Park Signs Quotes**

106 **Cindy R** read JoCarol's preference "Fossil material is better but the signs aluminum signs from
107 Voss are cheaper"

108 **David R** we use that on the trail already? Consistency is best.

109 ***Motion to accept and approve purchase using the fossil material made by David Ross 2nd by Alex***
110 ***Walczyk. All in favor \$344.00 total. The quote was \$384.00 but with a reduction in the color***
111 ***samples save we \$40.00 for 5 signs***
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113 **Additional business brought up by the Conservation Commission**

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116 **Phil F** do you approve Steve Couture to attend the Excavation Sub Committee Ordinance
117 meetings? they are redoing the Town Ordinance and we are going over the entire ordinance.
118 Steve is aware of the wetlands, and he may have comments for the Conservation Commission.

119 **Cindy R** I think it would be fine to review the documentation but not attend the meetings.

120 **Phil F** I think our lawyer that we use, they should use, not the towns. This is a heavy-duty
121 ordinance, and our lawyers are specialized in land use.

122 **Cindy R** I am not sure how to comment on this I have no issues with them using the town's lawyer.
123 He did a great job for us last year.

124 **David R** an idea to use the bricks on the brick loop trail was brought to me and I told them they
125 can't take any of the bricks. They should not be removed.

126 **Deb M** we were told there was a whole road of Bricks and the Park and Rec board, and we
127 thought maybe we could use them for a path, but it was just informational.

128 **Cindy R** they were out there building a trail and they found all these bricks. Someone took them
129 after excavating. We don't know who

130 **David R** I have a problem with that. Nothing should ever get removed from protected property

131 **Cindy R** they were building a trail and you can't expect them to ask about everything they find

132 **Deb M** I thought they were going to be left by the trail, but we went to look and they were gone.

133 **David R** I drove in to check out the Apple Theater I see shinny material on a tree then I noticed a
134 truck load of cuttings and building material that had been just dumped. Then I noticed what is
135 years of dumping in this area. This is serious, about 1000sqft or more has been dumped

136 **Cindy R** who owns this property?

137 **David R** I don't know

138 **Cindy R** have you reported it to Code Enforcement?

139 **David R** no, not yet. I will

140 **Phil F** DES should be involved with that
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Motion to adjourn @ 5:32 made by David Ross 2nd by Phil Fitanides.

No Non-Public Session NH RSA 91-A:3, II (d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of a real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community.