

Loudon Conservation Commission
Minutes
March 4, 2024

Attendance: Julie Robinson, Sandy Sims, Martha Butterfield, and Sandy Blanchard
Guests: Michael Boisvert and Jon Norman

Chair Robinson opened the meeting at 6pm with 4 members in attendance. A motion was made by Sandy Sims to accept the February Draft minutes and a second from Martha Butterfield. All were in favor.

The Commission received a request from the Clough Pond Association for \$1000 to help with their Lake Host Program at Clough Pond. The Association has been participating in the Lake Host Program for 20 years. In 2005, the lake host monitor removed suspected milfoil from an incoming trailer. NHDES later identified it as variable milfoil. If the Lake Host had not been there, Clough Pond would most likely have had a significant infestation. Sandy Sims made a motion to provide the Clough Pond Association \$1000 for their continued efforts to monitor the pond. A second was made by Martha Butterfield, all were in favor. Chair Robinson will request that \$1000 be taken from our budget to help in the effort.

Stefan Lillios' term is up this year. The Commission is hopeful that Stefan will agree to sign up for another year and remain on the Commission as an alternate. Chair Robinson will contact Stefan and if he agrees will get the necessary paperwork. The rest of the members of the Commission are current members until 2025.

Chair Robinson asked the Chair of the Trails Subcommittee, Sandy Blanchard, to give an update on the Trail Subcommittee's work. Ms. Blanchard informed the group that there have been many trees that have come down with the recent storms. One such tree came down on the bridge at the Bachelder property and will require repair to the bridge. Martha is taking members of the Trails Subcommittee on a tour of a new trail at the Bachelder property and there are two new trails at N'dakinna.

Michael Boisvert and Jon Normand met with the Conservation Commission. Mr. Boisvert and Mr. Normand have purchased the 79-acre Bronnenberg Property off Route 106 and Currier Road. The easement is held by Five Rivers Trust. The owners have established the Boisvert/Normand Nature Preserve. The property will be open to the public for passive recreation. They have established hiking trails and are working on a pollinator garden. The property has 1,200 feet of frontage on the Soucook River. The Trials Subcommittee chair, Sandy Blanchard, explained to the owners that we could have maps produced for the trails on the property. She will speak to the Regional Planning Commission and see if she can acquire them. The Commission thanked Mike and Jon for taking the time to come and discuss their project.

The meeting was adjourned at 7pm.

Next Meeting April 1st, 2024