

Sunapee Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes for August 5, 2020

Present via Zoom: Van Webb, Tim Fleury, Cliff Field, Mark Reynolds Absent: Lela Emery

Van Webb made the motion to approve the meeting minutes for July 2020. Seconded by Tim Fleury. All in favor 4, opposed 0.

Van Webb made the motion to approve the Treasurers' report. Tim Fleury seconded. All in favor 4. Opposed 0. A motion was made by Van Webb to pay Invoice 5-117 from Meadowsend Timberlands in the amount of \$1600 and invoice 5-118, in the amount of \$600. It was seconded by Tim Fleury. Those in favor 4. Opposed 0. There remains one outstanding payment to be made to Lela Emery in the amount of \$25, when a receipt is received.

Nutting property update. There is a signed Purchase and Sale Agreement. The draft easement continues to be reviewed by attorneys. Closing is expected to occur in 30-60 days. There was continues discussion about the funding sources for the purchase. There is a consensus that some of the funding be drawn from the Bartlett Tyler Fund. The amount to be drawn from the fund will be decided at the September meeting.

Although Jeremy Turner was unavailable for a Zoom meeting, it was noted that all timber designated for cutting has been marked by Jeremy on Ledge Pond. Volume he will be able to remove, and where on the property, is yet to be determined. The timber market may determine what, if any, amount of timber will be cut. Use of property after cutting will be determined at a later date. Jeremy will entertain bids for the timber sale, with decisions to be made in September. A walk about with Jeremy and available members of the Conservation Commission was also suggested to take place in September. If there is a cutting, the snowmobile club will need to be informed regarding the closing of some trails.

Dan Whitemore, the SRK representative for Sunapee, and Aaron Simpson, joined us in a Zoom discussion regarding trail development and upkeep on the Sunapee trails. The primary issue is that of liability, especially when working with power equipment on the trails, although the liability issue may also be relevant to the use of hand tools, such as bow saws and loppers. Given the secondary stay at home consequences of the Covid virus, volunteers may be available, perhaps, making it an opportune time to enhance and develop the Sunapee trail system. Aaron has suggested the issuance of a waiver form for volunteers, which he has volunteered to develop. Prior to proceeding further, a committee including Aaron Simpson, Cliff Field and Van Webb would speak with Donna Nashawaty, with regard to the possibility of a volunteer waiver, prior to a meeting with the Select Board.

Mail: Audit requested for work with Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust.