

Sunapee Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes March 3, 2021

Present online: Van Webb, Mark Reynolds, Terry Mattson, Matt Hurd

Town Office: Tim Fleury, Lela Emery

Absent: Cliff Field

Tim Fleury read the Governors Emergency Order.

Tim Fleury made the motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of February 2021 as written. Motion was seconded by Terry Mattson. All in favor TF Y, LE Y, MR Y, TM Y, VW Y

Mark Reynolds presented the Treasurers report which had been emailed out to Commission members. CC Fund has a balance of \$29,309.58

Dewey Woods \$1,611.16

Bartlett Tyler Fund \$2,090.70

SCC has the Warrant Article for 2021 of \$55,000, Budget, and \$12,162.59 Change in use tax. Van asked Mark to work with Lynne on getting our Budget/Line item report for the next meeting.

Tim Fleury made the motion to approve the Treasurers Report. Terry Mattson seconded the motion. Vote TF Y, LE Y, TM Y, MR Y, VW Y

Mail:

Notice of Past Violation 28 Fernwood South, Sunapee 021/0051 Dennis Booth, Docks Plus. SCC no action required
NH Fish & Game Department flyer promoting webinars [a quick trails etiquette](#) for the public regarding deep woods and wildlife.

ASLPT 2021 Annual Membership renewal notice

Friends of Mt Sunapee letter, brochure and funds request

DES Approval for Douglas & Laurie Sanders, 84 Garnet Hill Rd, Sunapee, NH 03782

Tim Fleury made the motion to pay ASLPT \$500 for the 2021 SCC membership from the Budget line item of Memberships. . Motion Seconded by Mark Reynolds. Vote TF Y, LE Y, TM Y, MR Y, VW Y

Tim Fleury made the motion to pay NHACC \$375 for the 2021 SCC membership from the budget line item memberships. Motion seconded by Mark Reynolds. Vote TF Y, LE Y, TM Y, MR Y, VW Y

Matt Hurd in attendance of the SCC meeting to become a SCC member since completing the volunteer form for the Town of Sunapee. Van Asked Matt if he is interested in joining the committee, Matt replied yes.

Terry Mattson made the motion to appoint Matt Hurd as a Sunapee Conservation Commission member. Tim Fleury seconded the motion. Vote TF Y, LE Y, TM Y, MR Y, VW Y Next step is the appointment by the Select Board, once in their minutes Matt will need to be sworn in at the Town Office.

Tim, Terry and Van have been sworn in. All members should at present be in current standings.

Ledge Pond update- ALSPT report states that the project is very well done, no problems, no questions, all documentation of work on file. Van explained how logging/timber sales work as well as some of the terminology to the SCC members for better understanding of the work performed, the parties' roles in the project, responsibilities of the parties, payment, material distribution, and reviewed the submitted Harvest Stumpage Income Report. SCC has been very pleased with the work Jeremy and MTL have done with the Ledge Pond Harvest and Timber sale. This process highlights the importance of having an overseer of the project.

Town Forest System – will be placed on the next meeting agenda. SCC needs to review Town Forest parcel descriptions and specific needs as they all have issues within the Town Forest designation.

Terry Mattson had a conversation with Donna Nashawaty regarding the question of Town Forest Funds and the spending of the money. SCC cannot approve spending out of Town Forest funds, this would be done via Town vote. This would require the setting up of a Warrant Article and the language to accomplish. SCC needs to seek the draft requirements. SCC would like to spend out of the CCF to start the trail work - \$3750 for the preliminary trail work commitment. With the anticipated funds available to the CCF being \$85,000, work could begin this summer. SCC members will set a date to go back to the Ledge Pond site in the spring when the work is complete and logging equipment is gone and the do the final assessment of the parcel from the logging after the frost is out. This will be a good time to meet with Jeremy and maybe piggyback on that day. The crew will be at the work site and we could pay for our fine tuning while taking advantage of the equipment and man power to get more prep done for future trails with

views and foot paths in mind. Terry would like to prioritize trail work of one trail just to get started and show the public our intent and the benefit of this project. The project still has a ways to go with close out, final dress up, erosion due diligence, rock placement this is when SCC would dove tail with their plans and pay for the extra time of the cleanup crew/Jeremy to get us closer to trails. The gate will also be reinstalled very important to keep wheeled vehicles out. Terry Mattson will draft a letter with input and final approval from Anne, Jeremy (MTL) and the SCC members as a PR and update notice on the project of Ledge Pond. Notice will be short with bullet points, SCC contact info, stay tuned feel. Once approved this will be on the Town website, maybe a mailing.

SCC reviewed the spread sheet submitted from Lynne and account balances.

Clarify and understand Town Forest designation- SCC members will need to review all deeds to each town forest parcel, as well as the easements, to determine which stipulations follow the parcel and are taken into account first with regards to income generated from the parcel and the spending as well as which takes precedent on each parcel. Town Attorney to clean up and resolve funding question on Town Forest v. intent of the deed. Van asked Mark to have for the next meeting a register of expenses recorded for each of the following parcels for the past 2-3 years: Bartlett Tyler Fund, Dewey Woods, the Simpson parcel SCC knows the deed takes precedence, the Bartlett Tyler Fund spending is authorized by a vote of the SCC. Next meeting SCC will discuss the funds and how they are spent legally of Town Forest with regulations and deeds and restrictions. Mark Reynolds reported that SCC spent \$5,640 for trail work and trail maintenance. This will be helpful information to get to Cliff for the Volunteer/Trail work proposal and guideline set up as a money saver when the public can be involved.

Lela Emery informed the SCC Board that she would not be renewing her term which expires in October of 2021.