

WESTFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION – MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 15, 2021 6:00 PM – WESTFORD TOWN OFFICE

Members present: Sarah Pinto, Joel Fay, Dale Rodgers, and Elias Rosenblatt

Members of the public present: Bree Drapa

Meeting to Called to Order at 6:07 by S. Pinto

6:07 - Review and Approval of August meeting minutes. Joel moved to approve minutes; Elias seconded motion

6:09 - Public Comment: None

6:10 - SEP moved to skip the November CC meeting, given the amount of activity WCC has for the next two months. All in favor.

6:10 - 6:29 – Trail Updates

- Discussed trail maintenance on Goodrich trail, in cooperation with landowners and users in late September and early October. Priorities include removing deadfall from trail and shore-up wet spots with scrap wood.
- Update on metal signs: Discussed replacement metal signs for Schultz trail, and sourcing signs.
- Discussed reminding folks about dog waste on trails and public spaces on Front Porch Forum
- Library wants to remove existing poetry and story walks by the end of September
- Passport Program will remain active until the end of October, after which boxes will be removed prior to winter

6:30 – Finalization of signs and kiosks; possible subsidy from library

- Kiosk work will start shortly, first with purchasing of materials
- Plan is to install kiosk at beginning and end of Goodrich, Schultz, and Seymour trails (2 per trail)
- Schultz and Goodrich will share a kiosk at Machia Hill Rd to minimize construction costs

6:38 – B. Drapa (member of the public) came and spoke about a rendezvous for the collaboration for the passport program, and review what worked and what didn't.

6:40 – Town Report Submission – SEP, RKT, and ER will prepare annual report details for November 1 deadline

6:47 – Other business

- Updates on mountain biking plans
 - SEP worked with Rec department to submit a letter of intent for a grant for development, requires upfront coverage and then reimbursement
 - SEP to contact Rec department about public awareness about the pump track, design, and placement, to garner support for planned and future mountain bike trail projects

6:55 – Meeting adjourned