

Hollis Conservation Commission

Thursday June 17th, 2021

Meeting Minutes

- 1) Roll call: Present: John Mattor: Joanne Toone: Madison Moody: Catherine Hewett: Mary Hoffman; Richard Van Langen; Lee Klarman; Doris Luther
- 2) Update from Mary on Honorary Lifetime memberships; upcoming Army Band event; and the Stewardship Fund. Joanne sent a draft letter to Mary to send to the lifetime membership honorees: Rita Anderson, John Mattor, Nancy Knights and Beth Googins; and Rodney Littlefield. Plans for a plaque will be worked on by Mary who will send ideas around to us. Catherine suggested putting a thank you note on the Indian Cellar (IC) kiosk to Gail and Neil Todd who have been doing a lot of trail work and clean up. Catherine will take care of that.

4th of July events: The 195th National Guard Army Band will be playing; some awards will be granted. There will be a raffle to raise money for the summer rec program scholarships. Tickets will be sold at the event.

Stewardship fund: There is a question about changing the name of it from Indian Cellar to the Hollis Conservation Commission Fund. Mary talked to the assessor, Deb Stitson and treasurer, Diane Meserve, about whether or not we can change the name. The fund was originally established to maintain Indian Cellar. The question is, "are we legally bound to use that only for IC?"

Richard asked about putting up a pedestrian bridge on the Route 202 bridge over the Saco River. Discussion ensued about the past attempt to have a pedestrian bridge built, which didn't pan out. Discussion re: the state re-doing 202 and perhaps a bridge being put in at the same time.

- 3) Roadside clean-up: We need to narrow down a date
 - a. Saturday June 26th, Saturday July 10th, or Saturday July 17th? A decision was made to put this off until September when traffic will be less, and the weather will be cooler. Lee asked if we included the public. The answer is that yes we will try to include the public and work out the logistics later.
- 4) Follow up on website, social media, etc. Discussion re: getting the website going. We can update the current WIX hosted site or make it our own website so that the WIX name is not part of the URL. It would cost us to create our own. We could buy the name Hollisconservation.com so we don't have to go through WIX. Unanimously approved! Lee will set up Instagram and a facebook page and will send out the log-in info so we can make changes or suggestions. Joanne suggested using the HCC e-mail. She'll send the password to Lee. Madison will put a link in to the town website. Time line is to be done by September.
- 5) Upcoming use of trails- Summer Rec groups on Thursday, July 1st at both Googins and Indian Cellar. Is there anything the kids could help with? Madison reported that there are two groups of 30 at Googins and 50 at IC. Catherine suggested they take tree leaf samples and press them and identify them – then they could be put on the kiosk or website. Lee suggested fairy houses. IC has some. The Rec program can do something educational like plant identification.

Pathfinders came to IC, but trails were clean and didn't need help, so they just wandered around. Richard suggested having them id trees and make signs. Have them learn about the history of IC and the area. Catherine suggested asking the Historical Society to come speak to the kids.

- 6) Updates on Googins woods-
 - a. Potential sale of abutting property
 - b. Next meeting at Googins Woods for trail work on trail 4 and the trail that John started to reroute. It looks like an abbuter to Googins Woods is getting ready to sell his property and has put orange marks

on trees that are in Googons. Hopefully he'll have a surveyor to id the boundary line. Discussion ensued about the HCC writing a letter to him to address what happened. Madison will take care of that. He'll write a draft and run it by the attorney

- c. Richard asked if we should pay to have a survey done. John says it's all surveyed. A new one isn't necessary. The boundary isn't at question. However, there is an area of the property that could be used for a new trail.

- d. Other: Madison suggested that we have our next meeting at Googins to take care of some work. July 15 is the next meeting. We will start at 4pm. Bring chain saws, pruners, etc. Madison will trim up the parking lot.

Community Day will be on August 14 this year.

Joanne told us that the Comprehensive plan committee would like to meet with the HCC to discuss the comprehensive plan and get our thoughts. We can invite them for our August meeting. Paul Mattor, From the Comprehensive committee will be reaching out to Madison. She thinks the Comprehensive committee would welcome the HCC input.

Joanne will e-mail Martha to have the planning board copy the new members of the HCC.

Discussion re getting the GIS (Global Information System) from the town to map the town's open spaces as it would be helpful when developers are looking to put in a development. Joanne believes this would be something that needs to be in the comprehensive plan, and the town votes on it, so then the town can create regulations around the recommendations. HCC could Come up with some kind of guidelines for regulations

Richard asked about getting sworn in to HCC. Mary said they will look at who needs swearing in and who should be cut. Next selectmen's meeting July 7.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted by Doris Luther