

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Chairperson Lapierre

Members Present: Ron Lapierre, Mike Lamoureux, Leslie Bowen, Joe Pedro, Roberta Lacey, David Landry, and Michael Longenbaker

Members Absent: none

Guests: Rich Dionne

- 1) **Approval of May meeting's Minutes:** Motion was made to accept the Minutes
(Motion made by Mike Lamoureux; Seconded by Joe Pedro – passed unanimously)
- 2) **Wallum Lake Dam/Canoe Launch:** Joe reported the water level is just below 585.2, which Joe noted is a little low by approximately 6 inches. Joe stated that the dam gate is only open enough to allow a trickle of water to maintain the flow downstream. He has heard some concerns by lake residents regarding the low water level, but stated we need more rain to get the level up. He also noted use by kayakers is picking up. Jeff McCormick of DPW is working on applying for grants for the proposed dam project.
- 3) **Nipmuc Trail:** Mike Longenbaker and Ron plan to meet at the trail on Thursday the 23rd to work on diverting the Red Blaze Trail around the water bars. They will put some pamphlets at the Kiosk, as well. Leslie has put the PDF of the Nipmuc Trail pamphlet on the Nipmuc webpage, and a QR code has been created, which when scanned will bring up the pamphlet.
- 4) **Gateway Sign:** The light is still working. The grass is being cut, but the tree limbs are really low. They should be cut to make mowing easier. There are also some sunken areas around the trees that could be filled. No report on inventory of the trees & plants at the site. The commission discussed possibly ordering a few extra plants next year when ordering plants for the Family Fair, which would be planted at the site.
- 5) **Land & Water Summit:** The summit workshops will be held on Friday July 15th. The registration cost is \$65 per person, if paid by July 1st.

A motion was made to expend up to \$260 to cover the cost for the first 4 commission members who register for the summit

(Motion made by Mike Lamoureux; Seconded by Joe Pedro – passed unanimously)

- 6) **Water Shed Watch:** The bill for this season's monitoring of the water quality of Spring Lake from May through October has been paid.
- 7) **Town Conservation Plan 2022 (TCP) & RI DEM Wildlife Action Plan 2025 (WAP):** Amanda Freitas from DEM would like to meet with the subcommittee in the next couple of weeks. The subcommittee will first meet on July 11th at 7pm to discuss overall objective, then schedule a meeting with Amanda and Ray Goff. Rich noted of the three NH plans and a CT plan which could be used as a model, the CT plan may be the most useful and similar to Burrillville. It was also noted that the biggest task is to define what constitutes a priority property to conserve, then to prioritize those properties.

- 8) Family Fair:** There was a good turn out at the fair, with all plants distributed within 2 hours. Ron made note of some ideas for next year, including limiting the number of plant choices to 3 or 4, and placing an ad in the Bargain Buyer during the week prior to the fair which would include the plant species and guidelines for the giveaway. Nipmuc Trail pamphlets were made available to interested residents, along with a plant identification station.
- 9) Budget Report:** With the 2022 budget coming to an end, the balance left in the commission's budget after paying for the Family Fair plants is \$294.01.
- 10) Mail:** None
- 11) Adjournment:** 8:31pm
Motion made by Joe Pedro; Seconded by David Landry – passed unanimously)

Ronald Lapierre, Chairperson