

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Rich Dionne, Chairperson

Members Present: Rich Dionne, Mike Lamoureux, Leslie Bowen, Greg Devlin, Cameron Genereux, Joe Pedro, and Mike Scurka

Members Absent: None

1) Approval of December meeting minutes

(Motion made by Mike Scurka; Seconded by Cameron Genereux - approved unanimously)

2) Nipmuc Trail: Rich removed the "Hunting Season - No Hiking" signs. 32 Hunters received permission from town hall to hunt on the property this season. Majority of the trail guide markers appear to be in the correct locations to match the map in the pamphlet. A walk by the commission will be planned in the spring to confirm the plants being identified are still growing in those areas noted on the map. The commission will ensure the anchor stakes for the foot bridge near the river are secure enough to hold when the water is high. There are a couple of locations along the trail that may still need a trail blaze to clarify the direction of the trail. The commission plans to walk the trail, weather permitting, on 01/25 to explore possibly extending the trail.

3) Wallum Lake Canoe Launch: The water level is 585.2. Joe stated the water level goal for winter is 584.7. The area has been quiet and clean. The eagles are still in the area.

4) Gateway Sign: Rich has undecorated the signs. The quality of this year's decorative roping was much better than last year's. We will try to utilize the same source for future years.

5) A motion was made to reimburse Rich Dionne for postage in the amount of \$ 13.70 to mail letters to Connecticut officials regarding the Killingly power plant.

(Motion make by Greg Devlin; Seconded by Joe Pedro - passed unanimously)

6) Earth Day: Rich will attend a meeting with other town/community representatives on January 15th to discuss possible activities. Ideas include poster and/or essay contest, time capsule with photos of undeveloped areas in town and relevant town statistics.

7) Blackstone in Bloom: The irrigation system at the area in question will need repair. An inquiry to Pascoag Utility will be made to see if they will be able to make those repairs.

8) RI DEM Notice for Alterations of Wetlands: Application has been made to alter wetlands at plat 135, Lots 10 & 11 in the area of Round Lake Drive and Stag Head Drive. Rich and Joe will walk the site with Joe Raymond and report back to the commission.

9) Budget Board Meeting: The commission will go before the Budget Board 01/15 at 6:30 pm and will be requesting level funding from last year.

10) Contact information for each commission member will be updated.

11) Invoices/Mail: A Christmas card was received from David Cicilline

Adjournment: 8:02 PM

(Motion was made by Joe Pedro; Seconded by Greg Devlin - passed unanimously)