

Minutes of the Forests and Trails Committee
Town of Conway, Massachusetts
January 26, 2022
6:30 pm via Zoom

Present:

Members: Marilyn Webster, Deb Donaldson, Priscilla Lynch, Suzanne Artemieff, Paul Charest

Associate Members: Cynthia Lawton-Singer, Courtney Gilligan

Invited Guests: Alan Singer, Finance Committee

Called to order, 6:39 pm by Deb Donaldson (after some technical difficulties)

Minutes of meeting of December 22 approved.

Alan Singer provided guidance for moving forward with CCC grant and for process to request future grants, which will involve approval of Select Board and backing of Finance Committee. Suzanne will contact Jan Warner to ask about town credit card.

Committee members provided updates on action items:

- Marilyn reported that Jaime Jackman indicated staff have been consumed with Covid-related matters and she would like the committee to clarify how the 6th grade's participation fits into the larger scope of the committee's effort; also, a pre-school teacher has expressed interest in the committee's work; specific needs include a web cam and gps technology.
- Suzanne provided information on DreamHost services and cost, suggesting possibility of initially using a commercial site for a year or so and then migrating to new town website. Deb noted QRC links refer to physical address, so to enable future migration, temporary signage could be replaced upon migration with permanent signage containing new QRCs (perhaps we could create permanent signage with a slot allowing for QRC changes, as precautionary measure for possible future changes?)
- Suzanne reported that Sarah Williams of Historical Society indicated several people have expressed interest in leading a walk through Town Forest to Maynard Cemetery in spring.

Committee approved end of year report drafted by Deb with minor changes. Deb to resend the revised report for quick review by committee, given very close submission deadline.

Following discussion of various possible items for inclusion in future grant request, committee voted unanimously to delay the Community Forest Stewardship grant application to 2023, given time constraints and need to clarify strategic plan based on goals and objectives contained in the existing stewardship plans for the Fournier property and Town Forest tract.

Next Meeting Dates

February 23

March 23

Meeting adjourned, ~8:10 pm

Submitted February 24, 2022, by Suzanne Artemieff, Secretary