

Town of Bedford
Conservation Commission Workshop Minutes
October 26, 2021

A workshop meeting of the Bedford Conservation Commission was held on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 in the McAllaster Room at the Bedford Public Library at 3 Meetinghouse Road, Bedford.

6:15 PM Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: Pat Grogan (Chair) opened the meeting and asked members present to introduce themselves: Bill Carter (Town Council Rep, member), Steve Clough (Planning Board Rep, member) Deborah Evans (new alternate member), Julie Donovan (member), Becky Hebert (Planning Director), Kathleen Ports (Associate Planner)

Members Arriving Later: Denise Ricciardi (Town Council alternate member), Stephanie Jones (member), and Greg Handy (new alternate member)

Absent: Dave Chiappetta (member), Beth Evarts (alternate member)

New Business: Ms. Ports handed out a staff report on a proposal for blazing (painting trees) along the property lines at several town-owned conservation areas.

MOTION: Mr. Carter motioned to approve the expenditure of \$6,090.00 from the Conservation Fund for FORECO to complete blazing on property lines of town-owned conservation areas. Motion seconded by Ms. Donovan. ALL IN FAVOR – motion passed.

Workshop - Project List:

The Commission discussed project ideas for service groups to implement in support of the Commission's mission. The suggestions included: development of public service announcements (PSAs), identification flyers or bulletins on invasive plants; standardized templates for trail maps/brochures; website improvements; PSA on light pollution; QR Code interpretive trails; Get Out and Move initiatives such as guides or programs for small children. The group also discussed the need to develop a list of infrastructure needs or improvements (bridges, elevated walkways) and discussed funding sources.

Workshop - Trail Stewardship Program:

The Commission discussed the development of a trail stewardship program on town-owned lands. The Commission reviewed an overview of stewardship programs run by adjacent town Commissions. The Commission discussed establishing a trail stewardship subcommittee, identified venues for recruiting volunteers, and agreed on a goal to hold the first meeting of the subcommittee in January 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM. Next meeting is scheduled for November 23, 2021.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Ports