



APRIL 17, 2023
APPROVED 5-15-2023

Georgia Conservation Commission Minutes

Call to Order: 7:05

1. Attendance: Alysia Catalfamo, Suzanna Brown, Ken Minck, Tom Hargy, Fred Grimm, Annette Villanni, Chris Bouchard, Peter Mazuark, Olga Ardova, and NRCD guests Katy Dynarski and Mel Auffredou
2. NRCD presented their Environmental Assistance capabilities and partner groups.
3. Minutes March: Fred moved and Suz 2nd. Unanimous
5. Financial: Not available
6. Correspondence: Vermont Land Trust, guidance about required project permissions
6. Select Board minutes: None
7. Tabled: Phragmites at SLW -Tabled till 2023 & Lost Pond ROW thru St. Albans Town
Olga moved and Fred 2nd to un-table the above-unanimous
8. Old Business:
 - a. Legal Trail policy: Restricted use petition pending. Draft policy is on the website.
 - b. Trail #4: Suz contacted Rabbit Tracks about a new by-pass around the "Kale" gate past the Kale driveway, Greg will quote same. TBD
 - c. \$600 Check coming for the Tiny Grant.
 - d. Phragmites at RGNA: Will Dunkley to apply for an ANR permit to work in or near Deer Brook
 - e. Town garage wetland mitigation: Planting Day May 7th afternoon, Peter will pick up plants from NRCD, Olga to p/u plants 5-4-23 from the Intervale.
 - d. Scholarship: No applicants, Olga moved and Suz 2nd not to extend the application date-Unanimous.
9. New Business:
 - a. Green-Up: Bags are in, unclear if the Town will pick them up on May 8th.

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- b. Trail mowing: Andrew Lotto, Suz moved and Chris 2nd to hire Andrew Lotto for the 2023 season. Unanimous.
- c. Grants: 104A Assessment awarded(ACRPC), Falls Trail final design awarded(CCRPC), Vt Fish & Wildlife grant 10K not accepted
- d. Boy Scouts: RGNA boardwalks were measured: 387 individual planks 3' x 6"wide,140' of 3 plank walkways. Possible donation of shingles. Check for defective boards b4 application of shingles.
- d. BFA St. Albans Outdoor Technology Class: To build new crossing on 2nd stream.
- e. SLW: Group shelterwood harvest: Charlie Hancock to visit the site on May 2nd 9AM. Ken and Peter can attend and possibly Tom. VLT rep and a local logger are also invited.
- f. MTB trails discussion: Alysia, more info needed not sure if we have the proper terrain to accommodate this mixed use.
- g. Heron rookery on 104A: Tom, across from Arrowhead Lake boat launch, conservation possibilities? General discussion about acquiring some lands abutting the existing RGNA parcel.

Adjourned 9:30 Next meeting 05-15-23