



February 19, 2024
APPROVED 3/18/24

Georgia Conservation Commission Minutes

Call to Order: 7:06

1. Attendance: Present - Tom Hargy, Ken Minck, Alysia Catalfamo, Annette Villani, Peter Mazurak, Suz Brown

Guests: Barry and Sharon Snyder-Interested in the Town trails and possible work details

Absent- Noah Lavallee, Jen Kale, Fred Grimm

2. Minutes January-Tom moved and Ken 2nd Unanimous

3. Financial: Line \$4710 (AVCC dues paid) General \$47,235 CRF \$127,154

4. Correspondence: Matt Richards from Fairfax cut trees across the trails at RGNA -Tom sent a thank you note.

5. Select Board minutes: 1-22-24 American Tower payments will be credited each month when received(1st payment of \$267 applied.)

On-going Business:

A. Phragmites controls at SLW: Will might be able to treat a small patch near the powerline. (Possible local treatment by digging) TBD

B. Grants: 1. ACRPC-Assessment grant approved for gully on 104A, Task order received, Watershed Consulting Associates (WCA) to proceed with the work. 1st invoice of \$5000 submitted
2. CCRPC - Falls trail final design Task Order received WCA to proceed with the work. – 1st payment received from CCRPC for the 30% design, \$4,565.02. Archaeological study came in at \$2700, grant to be increased by CCRPC. Phase 1 ARCH study to needed. WCA to advertise an RFP for the assessment-spring 2024.

C. RGNA: Hardware cloth for the boardwalks received. New stapler at Town garage

D. SLW possible harvest: Discussion about a “Story Board” like the one that Milton put together. An ESRI public account has been established.

E. Trail signs for 1&4 received – need new posts(4) and bolts (8)

F. Recreational Trail Program (RTP) Grant submitted 2-11-24 for connector trail and new bridge over Deer brook - VYCC quoted a steel structure around 47K, could not be built till 2025, 50K plus local match applied for.

G. Green Mtn. Conservation Camp (GMCC) 4 stipends awarded. Invoicing to follow-billed to the General account.

New Business

A. 2024 Projects: path to beaver pond and footbridge, additional board walks at Silver Lake Woods, Bee the Change, Buckthorn removal SLW- West side 4-13-24 tentative date,

Plantings at the Mitigation lands next to the Town garage, 4-20-24 tentative planting date,
Possible shelterwood harvest at Silver Lake Woods.

B. SUZ moved and Tom 2nd to purchase 10lbs of pollinator mix

C. Meeting time to 6:30---Peter moved and Tom 2nd unanimous

D. Town Meeting: 3-5-24 10 AM Tri-fold presentation board with "Bee the Change"
information. Sign-up sheet will be on the table for interested folks.