



March 18, 2024
APPROVED 4/15/2024

Georgia Conservation Commission Minutes

Call to Order: 6:37

1. **Attendance:** Present - Tom Hargy, Ken Minck, Alysia Catalfamo, Annette Villani, Suz Brown, Jen Kale, Noah Lavallee, Fred Grimm
Absent - Peter Mazurak

2. **Reorganization:**

- Jen moved to nominate Alysia as chair, Annette seconded. Motion carried.
- Fred moved to nominate Jen as vice-chair, Tom seconded. Motion carried.
- Suz moved to nominate Tom as treasurer, Alysia seconded. Motion carried.
- Ken moved to nominate Jen as secretary, Suz seconded. Motion carried.
- Fred moved to set location, meeting dates, and times to 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30pm, located at the town office, 47 Town Common Rd N., Jen seconded. Motion carried.

3. **Minutes:** February – Suz moved to approve, Tom seconded. Motion carried.

4. **Financial:**

CRF (account 9-1-00-00-01.08): \$127, 197

General (account A-1-00-00-01.05): \$47,248

Line items (account 1-7-05-80-52.00): \$0 (anticipated budget waiting for approval: \$4710)

5. **Correspondence:** None

6. **Select Board minutes:**

On-going business:

1. Signs: Legal trails “No Motor Vehicle” signs received, posts and hardware needed
2. Phragmites controls at SLW: Dennis Bianco is taking over Will Dunkley’s business, he will be in touch regarding treatment of new patch. Discussion regarding other possible methods of treatment.

3. Grants:

a. ACRPC Assessment grant approved for gully on 104A, Task order received, Watershed Consulting Associates to proceed with the work. 1st invoice of 5K submitted to ACRPC for payment. April needs copy of the invoice – will send.

b. CCRPC Falls trail final design Task Order received, Watershed Consulting Associates to proceed with the work. 1st payment received from CCRPC for the design, \$4,565.02. PHASE 1 archaeological study TBD in Spring 2024. Cost of study around

\$10K. CCRPC to go back to their advisory board with this info. Discussed exploring Friends of Lake Champlain as a possible source of funding.

4. Boardwalk at RGNA: All materials are on hand. Plan to install soon on a nice day.
5. SLW: Possible group shelterwood harvest in site #1 and Site #4. Site visit June 1st and October 11th w/Nan Patch, County Forester. Looking into a Story Map for presentation. Membership to ESRI for 1 year is \$100 and we can use Milton Town Forest's existing story map as a starting point. Ken motions to purchase ESRI for 1 year, Annette seconds. Motion carries. Plan to purchase when ready to start working on story map.
6. GMCC: 4 Stipends have been awarded – Invoice to follow
7. Connector trail RGNA to LT4 and bridge replacement: 2024 RTP Application submitted 2-11-24 50K + local match (1 bridge estimate from VYCC-47K-pending span)
8. VL: Caitlan C. invasive signage completed - \$447 for panel & metal backing plate. Boot brush to be ordered as well. Grant is for \$750 and should cover everything.

New Business:

1. Cline Rd. LLC: Note sent to Aaron O'Grady about the possibility of conserving the parcel, 94 acres (3-1-24). Will confirm receipt.
2. Horseshoe Barn Rd: Discussion about investigating possible improvements on the CL4 road for hiking back to Mill River. Would also allow a watercraft portage to travel North on Mill River.
3. Lost Pond ROW: Placed on the back burner for now unless new information comes to light.
4. Deer Brook footbridge (RGNA): Plan to bring equipment to secure bridge in place where it is ASAP, possibly this Friday.
5. Green-Up: May 4th, 2024

Items not on agenda:

1. Financials: May want to consider renaming general fund as it could be considered confusing to the public. Will consider other descriptions. Will send April CRF guidance.
2. Talk in town about an increase in red squirrels: Plan to provide info about the species to the public.
3. Buckthorn pulling party on 4/13/24: May need to move date forward to allow plants to leaf out for better identification.
4. Franklin County NCRD event at Arrowhead Mountain Lake: To be held 6/22/24, time TBD.