



Minutes 08-19-2019

Approved 9-16-19

Present: Ken Minck, Suz Brown, Kent Henderson, Fred Grimm, and Chris Bouchard
Guest: Jacob Bakowski-VELCO forester

VELCO: Jacob presented the plan for herbicide treatment of the VELCO ROW at Silver Lake Woods. The ROW is 150' wide. The application is used on hardwood trees using backpack sprayers. Mowing was discussed but sprouting defeats the effect. The treatment is on a 4-year cycle. Generally the application is limited to 1 pint/acre 17 acres are affected. There has also been some felling of hazard trees that might reach the power lines were they to topple over. Access to the ROW was over the CL4 road and a SLW pre-existing path. Ken to send a note to Jacob approving the herbicide application.

Minutes: June - Ken moved and Kent 2nd unanimous, Fred abstained

Financial Report: AVCC dues were paid

CRF	\$ 80,880.17 (June totals)
General Fund:	\$ 23,791.29 (June totals)
Line items:	\$3792.24 (8 Aug 2019)

Correspondence: None

Town Government Minutes: Discussion of the 7-30-19 Select Board minutes, regarding reserve funds, the GCC established a restricted Conservation Reserve Fund approved by the voters at town meeting in 2002. Not sure what was meant by the audit remarks RE: establishing a reserve fund.

On-going business:

1. Silver Lake Woods:

Additional Trails: VYCC got the OK to camp on site from VLT. Work is scheduled in October.

Wayside sign: Suz acquired historical information and she is in contact with the designer at LCBP. Looking for a pic of Fran. Chris has drone footage of Silver Lake, Kent checked with St. Albans City and they are OK with having a pic of the lake on the sign.

Culvert erosion: Silver Lake Rd. (CL4 portion)- Ken checked with Jaron Borg ANR. See email dated 7-25-19. A permit is not required as long as less than 10 yards of fill is used.

2. Lost Pond Parcel: Suz discovered she knows Alton Lombard, he is the current owner of the former White farm. Access to the Lost Pond Parcel might be a possibility. Next steps?

3. RGNA: Mass failure of a retention pond on the Bryce property. The wash out crossed the trail but Suz visited the property and reported no trail damage. ANR and an engineering firm are reviewing repairs to the pond.

New Business: 1. Mass failure, see item #3

2. Re-classifying Silver Lake Rd. to a trail: Commission members are not interested in this proposal. If future years the parcel might have select logging &/or work on the dam might be required by the City of St. Albans. This road would provide parcel access. Additionally trails require no maintenance by the town. (Falls road is a good example, the trail has deteriorated and is now adding run-off and silt to Mill River.)

Next Meeting: 9-16-2019

Concerns for Select Board: Silver Lake Rd. culvert work – see e-mail.