

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 20, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
Benjamin Eddy Building

A. *Call to order/Roll call*

Meeting called to order at 6:35 P.M.

Members in attendance: Rathbun, McClellan, Payne, Therrian, Zahansky, Galligan

B. *Approval of Minutes Oct 2023*

Action: Minutes approved: Therrian/McClellan; Motion Carried Unanimously

C. *Reports*

- *Land Trust Liaison*

31 or 32 hunting permits have been issued – additional acreage has been opened leading to more applicants for permits; Issues at the Hayfield property with beavers ~ 5 acre pond flooding over the lower trails. The Dunbar Dam controversy continues – DEM and the inspection company need to be involved

- *Recycling Liaison*

No update

- *Social Media Liaison*

We are up to 477 followers on Facebook; posts have been pinned for the recycling schedule, mixed recycling, the Eco Depot schedule and posts on recycling are being made regularly. Also posts to call for vendors for the Earth Day events and the buy nothing group have been made/circulated.

D. *Public Comments*

Nothing shared at this meeting

E. *Correspondence*

No correspondence

F. *Old Business*

Budget review – Dave clarified that we are dealing with a budget of ~ \$2600 this year. This amount was previously incorrect.

Quick timeline review. Review of the vendor list – we will need to reach out after the holidays to follow up/solicit attendance in early January those that attended previously; requested that Dennis ask the Land Trust to be present as a “Vendor” to share the work that they do, hand out maps, request volunteers, etc...; Ask others that you might know about to attend – Kathy will connect with the Facebook groups

Annuals/Perennials/Trees – free item distribution discussed

G. *New Business*

Dennis is going to be reviewing the Master Plan for the overlay zone for next month.

H. *Future Agenda Items*

- Earth Day Planning
- Zoning Overlay request

I. *Future Conservation Commission Projects*

- Open to new ideas

J. *Adjournment*

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M. McClellan/Zahansky; Motion Carried Unanimously

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED on behalf of the Commission,

M. Galligan, Recording Secretary
