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**APPROVED* MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 3, 2020**

MEMBERS ROLL CALL:

Marcia McKenna, Chair - Excused Bill Lord - Present. Nancy Devine - Excused
Marc Ohlson - Present Emily Bass - Present
Ralph Lutjen - Excused Ted Slader - Present

OTHERS PRESENT: Colleen King - Land Use Administrator, Carol Dandeneau- Madison TV Videographer, Noreen Downs

MEETING POSTED: August 19, 2020 Town Hall (upper and lower), Madison & Silver Lake PO

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Ohlson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Ohlson opened the meeting for Public Comment. Noreen Downs introduced herself as the Madison representative to the Green Mountain Conservation Group. Mrs. King confirmed that Mr. Lord's note was forward to Nancy Devine regarding the GMCG newsletter. The submitted date is September 11. Mr. Ohlson closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

CASCADES Mr. Slader received a call from Karen Lord regarding the trail access to the Cascades property behind the Madison Historical Society. People are walking up the grassed embankment to get to the trail instead of walking around the building, where there is a small trail sign. This is causing the grass to be worn down and may cause an erosion problem. The trail signs are not visible. Mr. Slader suggested that a split-rail fence with visible arrows may fix this issue and it would be a good gesture for the Conservation Commission to do.

Mrs. Bass also added that the neighbors to the right of the trail have been angry about people on the trail with their dogs off leash. The dogs often come onto their property. She suggested putting in granite slabs. Mr. Lord suggested repainting the arrows with a split rail fence may be less expensive. Mr. Slader will look into the repositioning and repainting of the arrows. There may be some extra metal posts left over from the Wold parcel that can be used.

Ms. Bass made a **MOTION** to repaint directional arrows and relocated the signs on posts to the appropriate locations for access to the trail and avoid future erosion issues; Mr. Lord seconded. Mr. Slader graciously offered to supply the materials and complete this project. Mrs. Bass offered to help. All Approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:
TRAIL MAPS**

Mr. Slader gave an update on the cost of the trail maps. The UPS Store mgr. will look into the bulk pricing. There are approximately 150 maps remaining. Mr. Slader will report at the next meeting.

BAT HOUSES: Mr. Slader reported that they will be more expensive and the Scouts may not be able to participate. He will speak to Ms. McKenna about this and discuss at the next meeting.

WOODDUCK BOXES: Nothing to report.

**OLD BUSINESS:
BARCLAY PROPERTY SIGN:** Nothing to report.

REPLACEMENT TREES ON WINTER ROAD UPDATE: Mr. Ohlson read an email from Mr. Lutjen regarding the shrub placement. Mr. Lutjen spoke to DPW Director John Cyr, who indicated that the shrubs may need to be relocated and he will review this with Mr. Lord. The shrubs do need to be planted this season. Mr. Lord reported that there are 2 identical monuments, and the location needs to be determined so there is no impact with snow plows. The Veteran's Committee, Mr. Lord and Mr. Cyr will discuss the location. Mrs. Bass suggested that a decision could be made tonight regarding the location. The shrub should be planted at the first location on Winter Road that is furthest away from the road. Mr. Lord will review with Mr. Cyr.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The July 2, 2020 Draft Minutes will be reviewed at the next meeting.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT:

Please disregard the letter from the Selectmen regarding the procedure to submit petition warrant articles. It should not have been sent to the Conservation Commission and was issue incorrectly. Mr. Lord thanked Mrs. Downs for working with the Revision Energy group to complete the fence around the solar array.

There was discussion about the process of bills being paid on time to Forest Land Improvement. DES engineer stated that there are several things needed to be done on the dam. Vegetation needs to be cut back so it does not eat away at the dam. DES placed several sandbags at the dam. Mr. Lord asked DES for RFQ for the dam repair/reconstruction for the safety, conservation and boating issues.

*The following action occurred during this meeting and was not included in the original minutes. This paragraph was APPROVED to be added to the September 3, 2020 minutes during the November 5, 2020 Conservation meeting.

"It was unanimously agreed that the Commission would support a joint action to repair the Silver Lake dam and boat ramp - for water, lake riparian buffer, lake bed, and aquatic species conservation purposes. It would be funded by tax dollars and perhaps a request to both Silver Lake Association of Madison and the Silver Lake Boat Club for contributions. It was suggested the Forest Management account could be used to support this purpose. The commission concurred with the project."

PLANNING BOARD REPORT: At the September 2 meeting, there was Site Plan Review for the old Dolly Madison Store, on Village Road. Nicole and Karl Nordland will be purchasing and renovating the property, which will be known as The Village Store, Where Madison Meets. There was also a Preliminary Review for a 2-lot subdivision on Deer Road, off North Division Rd.

ADMINISTRATIVE CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Ohlson and his son brush hogged the field near Deer Trot Rd.

Nancy Devine has reported that she will be stepping down from the Conservation Commission. The Commission can appoint a member at any time.

Mr. Ohlson suggested skipping the October meeting and scheduling the next meeting for Nov 5. Mr. Slader agreed with Mr. Ohlson that meeting every other month was a good idea; All agreed. The next meeting will be Nov. 5, 2020.

MOTION TO ADJOURN at 7:43 pm was made by Mrs. Bass, seconded by Mr. Slader. All Approved.

These Minutes recorded by: Colleen King