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**APPROVED MINUTES
JULY 1, 2021**

MEMBER ROLL CALL:

Marcia McKenna, Chair – Excused
Marc Ohlson – Present
Ralph Lutjen - Present
Noreen Downs - Present
Bill Lord - Present
Robert Stone - Excused

Ted Slader - Excused
Emily Bass - Present

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kim Cyr - Land Use Administrator, Noreen Downs - Madison TV, Tim Nolan - Forest Land Improvement,

MEETING POSTED: June 24, 2021 at Madison Town Hall Upper & Lower, Madison & Silver Lake Post Offices

Mr. Lutjen called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

ELEVATE ALTERNATE: Mr. Lord made a **MOTION** to elevate Mrs. Noreen Downs to a full member for tonight's meeting; Mr. Ohlson seconded. All Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Hearing no public comment Mr. Lutjen closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

TIM NOLIN, FOREST LAND IMPROVEMENT

An Invoice of \$1305.96 was submitted for Goodwin-Burke Forest and the Downs property – Post harvest seeding/closeout. Mr. Nolin reviewed the work completed on the property, water bars installed, water corralled at the Downs property. This Motion was approved at the June 2, 2021 meeting, not to exceed \$2,000.00. Mrs. Cyr will process it.

NOREEN DOWNS submitted an invoice for gifts for Nancy Devine and Colleen King. The invoice is for \$68.00. A **MOTION** was by made by Ms. Bass and seconded by Mr. Ohlson to pay the invoice.

Mrs. Downs also discussed the contribution from the Town to the LUCT account. She felt the amount contributed was not clear in the Town Report.

OLD BUSINESS: At the last meeting, June 3, 2021, monies were approved to cover the cost, not to exceed \$4000.00 from the Forest Maintenance Account to improve the skid road in the Everett-Parker Forest. Mr. Nolin hiked the property to look everything over. After his review he does not think it is practical to do the excavator trail at this time. Mr. Nolin believes a more traditional hiking trail would be better. It would be more scenic and would not interfere with future harvests. A better option will be presented this fall to the Board. Mr. Nolin will be mowing roads and landings at Goodwin Burke, Wold, Jackman Ridge, and Blackbrook Bog properties. He hopes to have this completed prior to August 7th.

TRAIL MAP UPDATE: For September Agenda

BARCLAY PROPERTY: Mrs. Downs suggested doing an interview with Ms. McKenna on Madison TV.

OLD HOME WEEK: The Commission decided to schedule a hike on the Wold Property. Mr. Ohlson will lead the hike on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 11:00 am. Participants are asked to park at the lower corner of the field. Pets are welcome and please bring water.

ADMINISTRATION:

Conservation Accounts – Balances remained the same as last month. The expenses for the boat ramp repair and the brine system will be coming.

Reviewed the Eastern Propane and Oil pricing plans notice that was given to the board members.

Monitoring Conservation Lands: Mr. Lutjen spoke about the inspection of Conservation Properties and suggested reviewing the process until the September meeting. At that point, we can assign properties to the members.

ZBA Cases: The board decided to not make any comments at this time on **Case #21-04**.

PLANNING BOARD: Mr. Ohlson reported that at the next Planning Board meeting they will be discussing zoning definitions with respect to non-conforming use and a possible change in setbacks. Mr. Bergeron will be at the meeting to discuss short term rentals.

SELECTMAN'S REPORT:

- Winter Road – DPW evaluated the erosion and poison ivy at the 'S' curve, as a result of public input at the last MCC meeting. Ivy has now been treated with herbicide and Curlex wood fiber seed blanket will be applied to the bank for erosion control. Curlex product was a great recommendation from Kim!
- MHS split-rail fence – a section of matching fence will be relocated from Town Hall (during the installation of the new retaining wall adjacent to the MPD parking) as the trail diversion for the MHS. Reuse of this fence will avoid any material costs to MCC.

- Reduced salt for Madison - Brine tank article was published in both Conway Sun and GMCG Watershed News. Currently, the Town budgets \$36K for both salt and calcium....that should now decrease, but the cost of brine solution is about \$1/gal. Good cost savings numbers will be available after the winter season, as well as reduced amounts of salt used.
- 'Leave No Trace' Program – Lord discussed the 7 principles of the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics program and its endorsement by NH Tourism Bureau. It was agreed to put a link on the Town website off the MCC page. Noreen Downs will also add to the MadTV link as well.
- Wood splitting at Highway yard – the accumulation of split hardwood is for fire/cook pit needed at the Bean Hole supper sponsored by the MFD.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The June 3, 2021 Draft Minutes were reviewed. A **MOTION** to APPROVE was made by Mr. Lord and seconded by Mr. Ohlson. All Approved.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Bass made a Motion to adjourn; Mr. Ohlson seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Submitted by:
Kim Cyr
Land Use Administrator