

Via Zoom

In attendance: Peder Pedersen, Jeff Keay, Chuck Plaisted, Jim Wilkinson, Rob Protano, Sue Valentine (Conservation Commission Liaison)

Guests: Paul Lekburg, Richard Maki

Meeting called to order: 7:04pm.

1. C. Plaisted started the meeting by asking if anyone was recording the meeting. All members replied in the negative.
2. P. Pedersen moved to accept the agenda for January 28, 2021. Motion 2nd by J. Wilkinson and carried unanimously.
3. Note taker: J. Keay volunteered.
4. R. Protano moved to accept the minutes of the December 9, 2020 meeting as written. Motion 2nd by J. Wilkinson and carried unanimously.

5/8. Funding for Trail Signs/OSIC Budget for Fiscal Year 2022

- J. Wilkinson reported that there is \$292.48 left in our 2021 budget.

Reviewed and discussed a proposed budget for 2022. Was noted that the proposed budget calls for spending \$2,220.

- S. Valentine reported that the Conservation Commission received an ADA grant for improving accessibility to Mudgett Orchard, and providing a picnic table for the Peg's Pond Trail and eventually for the Hall Avenue parcel. She also suggested the possibility of an Eagle Scout project for a footbridge over the Heywood Reservoir outlet. She will check with a local scout leader about that possibility.

- Discussed plans for the installation of trail signs.

- J. Wilkinson moved to spend the remaining 2021 budget monies for the purchase of materials for the trail signs. Motion 2nd by R. Protano and carried unanimously.

- C. Plaisted moved that we ask for a budget of \$2,000 for fiscal 2022. Motion 2nd by R. Protano and carried unanimously.

- P. Pedersen moved that the following line items be included in the 2022 budget:

- 4 picnic tables - \$520

- Sterling Fair Fee – \$100

- Sterling Fair Brochures - \$200

- 1 Trailhead Kiosk for Hardscrabble Road Trail - \$500

- Footbridge over the Heywood Reservoir outlet stream - \$500

- Incidentals - \$100

Motion 2nd by R. Protano and carried unanimously.

6. Vote on Geoff Caldwell Committee Membership

After discussion, R. Protano moved that G. Caldwell be thanked by the committee for his past service and informed that the committee will be selecting a new member to replace him. Motion 2nd by P. Pedersen and carried unanimously.

7. Vote on Marion Larson Committee Membership

After discussion, R. Protano moved that M. Larson be thanked by the committee for her many years of service, and informed that the committee will be selecting a new member to replace her. Motion 2nd by P. Pedersen and carried unanimously.

9. New Business

R. Protano asked about the purpose of the Summary in the Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP).

J. Wilkinson explained that it gave a synopsis of the material in each section of the OSRP to aid in finding needed information.

R. Protano also asked if there were any copies of the OSRP available for V. Buckley at the Senior Center. C. Plaisted reported no more hard copies are available, but he will send her a thumb-drive containing the OSRP.

J. Keay asked S. Valentine about the name of the ADA grant, used by the Conservation Commission for improvements at Mudgett Orchard, for possible funding to complete the Peg's Pond Trail project. She will look into it for us.

10. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 7:00pm via Zoom.

11. Adjournment: J. Wilkinson moved to adjourn. Motion 2nd by R. Protano and carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Jeff Keay