Groton Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2022 @ 7 pm

Members Present: Stephen "Slim" Spafford, Cindy Carpenter, Gina Rescigno, Forrest Blake, Virginia Parker, Justin Weekley

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm

Reading of the minutes from our meeting on July 8, 2021. Minutes accepted as is.

Review of October 14, 2021 minutes

Meeting Schedule for 2022:

Draft of Town Report GCC summary was reviewed, minor edits made, and approved (unanimous approval).

Meeting Schedule for 2022

- No meeting in February scheduled. Will resume monthly meetings beginning in March. Our next meeting scheduled for Thursday March 10, 2022 at 7 pm.
- Roadside cleanup will be scheduled (tentatively) in the March meeting
- Fishing Derby: First Saturday of June

Bridge to Town Pond

 Slim wants to make sure everyone has had a chance to look at the new bridge and to thank the Select Board. The bridge is approved for foot traffic only, no cars allowed.

Sculptured Rocks Road (Cockermouth River Dam)

 Slim spoke with DES and gave an update on the dam being widened to 3 ft, and now a bit wider. The DES has hired a new employee who will be coming up to monitor more closely the situation. The landowners will receive a letter explaining why this dam and dredging is not allowed. They will be advised that they can pan for gold but not with a mechanical dredging system.

John Martin – Mourning Dove Holding

Slim has not received any calls back and therefore does not have any reports on the log reclamation project in Halls Brook.

Charles Carlton, Jr. – Lucid Forest LLC & Tamarack Farms, LLC (Edgar Albert Road)

The new owner of the 1081 acre property on Edgar Albert Road has met with Slim and confirmed that he has no intention of developing the land either commercially or residentially.

FEMA Flood Zoning

- New flood maps will be drawn this year
- Select Board is researching the implications of these new zones

Zoning

There is a hearing scheduled for January 17 at 7 pm open to the public for comment and questions

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Virginia Parker