

NCC Meeting 3/21/22

Open meeting 7:03 p.m.

Present: C. Griffith, J. Couture, D. Mason, L. Hill, F. Hayden, potential member Josh Lent, selectman J. Silvani, Guests- members of the garden club

1) New Business:

- a) Garden club- They created a woodland garden on the corner of Summer and Main St. last year. They would like to extend it east along Summer St.. They would clear invasives and create a path leading to the Hilton cemetery as well as label trees, plant native species, etc..
 - J. Couture- What is the agreement with the Hilton's re: the area of the woodland garden. The area is actually under the purview of SELT. Holly Price replied that the Hilton's are on board and they will contact abutters. F. Hayden stated that they need to make sure people don't encroach on private property.
 - C. Griffith asked what SELT's response was. H. Price said they referred them to us.
 - J. Silvani stated that the selectmen are interested in constructing a rain garden. Could apply to ARPA for a grant. H. Price stated that they would need to talk to SELT about it. J. Silvani stated they could present it to the selectboard in 2 weeks to apply for funds
 - F. Hayden stated that he would like to see the actual plans. He volunteered to help identify trees.
 - J. Couture motions to accept the Garden Club's proposal, D. Mason seconds, all in favor YES.

2) Administrative Business:

- a) Minutes 2/2022- J. Couture motions to accept as amended, C. Griffith seconds, all in favor YES.
- b) Treasurer's report- S. Callaghan has been paid. C. Griffith motions to accept, J. Couture seconds, all in favor YES.
- c) Josh Lent would like to become a member. Has been a volunteer monitor for SELT. He will get sworn in.

3) Old Business:

- a) Trail from elementary school to Deertress- J. Silvani walked the potential route. Very small area of wetlands would need to be crossed. She still needs to approach the owners of Parting Brook Farm for permission. Landowners in Deertrees are on board.
 - F. Hayden asked whether we should pursue an easement. He also pointed out that one needs to be cautious crossing wetlands. Some types of bridges are approved for minimal impact.
- b) Silverstein easement- C. Griffith- We received a letter from the town counsel advising on the approval process for the amendment which included several questions that need to be answered. It's very confusing. It does serve the public interest as we received a net gain. The lawyer should be responsible for answering the questions.
 - J. Couture reiterated that we originally asked that the town counsel be involved to review the easement from the start. We need his expertise to answer the questions many of which he answered in the body of his letter.
 - J. Silvani will talk to S. McKinnon.

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c) Easement updates-

- Vernon- Selectmen approved letters written by C. Griffith to be sent out. J. Silvani stated that the people with the driveway did not get a copy of the easement report. Selectmen sent the report to the landowners. C. Griffith also requested copies be sent to the Vernons.
- Daley- Could walk the area at our May meeting. C. Griffith will notify them.

4) Mail

- SELT newsletter
- Great Bay lecture on eel grass being held.

5) Next meeting 4/18/22

Adjourn 8:34 p.m.

NCC member L. Hill 3/21/22

