

NCC Minutes 2/20/23

Open meeting: 7:02 p.m.

Present: C. Griffith, J. Couture, L. Hill, D. Mason, A. Watts, F. Hayden, Selectmen J. Silvani, H. Harmon, Guest Kent Lawrence

1) Administrative Business:

- a) Treasurer's report- J. Couture motions to accept, C. Griffith seconds, all in favor YES.
- b) Minutes 1/16/23- J. Couture motions to accept as amended, C. Griffith seconds, all in favor YES.

2) Old Business:

- a) Invoice for monitoring reports= \$3041.58, J. Couture motions to pay, C. Griffith seconds, all in favor YES.

b) Monitoring reports:

1) Anderson property (VFF)-

- C. Griffith- The debris pile is still present. A letter was sent out to the abutter 2/23/22 and not acted on so we should speak to them in person.
- There may also be an issue with impacted soils in the easement but J. Vernon has not come to speak with us yet.
- K. Lawrence stated that they're wording in their advertisement mentions the musical entertainment first and the food is secondary.
- J. Couture responded that our role is to monitor the easement which is very pro-agriculture and that J. Vernon needs to come talk to us before we take action.
- C. Griffith added that the area is also impacted by tractor use, etc.
- F. Hayden mentioned that the Vernons are working with NRCS.
- J. Couture also stated that this is our first meeting to review the report. We may reach out to a soils scientist for analysis of potential degradation, solutions, etc.
- F. Hayden pointed out that there is wording in the easement to deal with such issues- i.e. reaching out to UNH ext., NRCS.
- K. Lawrence stated the wording of the easement is very vague. J. Couture replied that most of them are.
- A. Watts explained that as a board it is our responsibility to act on issues laid out in the report and at this stage we need further information.

2) Daley property- C. Griffith

- The trash has still not been removed although it has not been added to. S. Daley stated that she missed the town disposal day due to illness but it will get done.
- The property is still posted. Vernon is not using it but the Daleys refuse to remove the signs.
- J. Couture stated that the more important issue is the trash. A letter has been sent. J. Silvani asked if action could be taken. J. Couture responded yes but it would be very intensive and we would prefer mediation. It may come to the town to clean it up but it would cost money.
- F. Hayden reiterated that some of the trash was there before the easement was written.
- J. Couture proposed we send them an email.
- C. Griffith pointed out that we gave them until 6/15/23 to clean it up.

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3) Gilman/Silverstein- C. Griffith

- They wanted to know if the town would pay for or mow the fields. The town will not.
- There are still some discrepancies with the boundary. S. Callaghan recommended we have a new baseline documentation report done and suggested using T. N. Moran.
- L. Hill mentioned there was an issue years ago so it would be prudent to settle it.
- F. Hayden motions we send them a letter to this effect, J. Couture seconds, all in favor YES. F. Hayden volunteered to write the letter.
- The easement states the town reserves the right to maintain the fields. The Silversteins have been mowing every other year but S. Callaghan noted that there is some stalky growth. J. Couture suggested we wait to see what happens this year.

4) Houghton- no issues.

5) Moore- no issues.

6) Cole- There are lobster traps on the southern portion of the easement that belong to the neighbor. SELT spoke them and they said they would move them.

7) Piscassic Greenway- no issues.

c) Rugg property site walk 2/8/23

Walk led by D. Hyde of SELT, Lynette Batt from the Trust for Public Land and surveyor Bruce Scamman

J. Couture- L. Batt will be very helpful with raising funds. Still do not have numbers as they still need to submit the conventional plan. L. Batt would like to start applying for grants but needs a letter of intent from the town. J. Couture asked the surveyor to meet with the town planner and will check with them as to whether they have done so.

F. Hayden asked whether they will be charging us. No as this is what the organization does.

J. Couture also stated that L. Batt said she would send us a summary letter.

C. Griffith suggested we try to meet with the selectmen in March to request a letter of intent.

3) Old Business:

a) The Labonte dredge and fill application was approved by D.E.S.

4) Next meeting: 3/20/23

