

NCC Minutes 11/20/23

Open meeting 7:02 p.m.

Present: C. Griffith, J. Couture, F. Hayden, L. Hill, D. Mason, J. Lent, M. Kessler- selectman
Resident- Anthony Tenhaagen

1) Administrative Business:

- a) Minutes 10/16/23- J. Couture motions to accept, D. Mason seconds, all in favor YES.
- b) Treasurer's report- J. Couture motions to accept, C. Griffith seconds, all in favor YES.

2) New Business:

- a) Wetlands violation at Runaway-
 - C. Griffith- this is not under our purview. What was the source of the complaint? It is the selectmen's responsibility to act on it.
 - M. Kessler stated that he will present this at the next meeting. He thinks they were just looking for an opinion.
 - F. Hayden replied that we do not have the expertise. D.E.S. should be notified.
- b) 2023 monitoring of Houghton/Girard easement- done by C. Griffith and J. Lent
 - J. Lent- no issues found. The Girards asked about a sign that had been put up. May have been done by the Snow Raiders. The new horse paddock may be in the existing right-of-way to access the excluded area but this won't be an issue unless they do decide to build a house. The right-of-way for SELT is locked.
- c) Town email- M. Kessler stated that the town is switching platforms and everyone will be assigned a town email address.

3) Old Business:

- a) Rugg- J. Couture- Purpose of the town informational meeting was to discuss trail use but it mostly revolved around money but there are still so many unknowns. Overall it went well. There is a lot of enthusiasm as well as interest from Exeter.
 - There is now a support group on Facebook. There will be signs put up on the trails with a QR code and website- savefortrocktrails.org
 - They will be voting at the selectboard meeting tomorrow night on whether to support pursuing grants for funding.
 - There will be a joint meeting with Exeter at the Word Barn 12/6. We need to come up with ways people can help.
 - M. Kessler asked about the signage. J. Couture replied that they are all on private property.
 - F. Hayden asked about the January meeting. J. Couture replied that it is supposed to cover funding but we are still waiting for news on grants, etc..
 - F. Hayden suggested we should have maps available to hand out.
 - M. Kessler suggested we announce the meeting on the town signs.
 - L. Hill asked if we could do an impact study and F. Hayden mentioned supplying numbers for the Greenway bond expiring. J. Couture feels an impact study would not be effective coming from NCC.
 - A. Tenhaagen mentioned that Deertrees homeowner's assoc. is getting the word out and suggested contacting other abutting HOAs. I.e Captains Way, Sloan's Brook, etc.. He feels that it would be helpful to present impact numbers to the public.
 - J. Lent volunteered to look into hiring someone to do the numbers.

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b) D. Mason- 2024 budget was approved by the selectboard.

3) Old Business:

- J. Couture- we were contacted by the Vernon's lawyer that they are working on the driveway.

4) Mail- SELT sent a letter to the selectboard that they will be accessing the Greenway to do some habitat management.

5) Next meeting 12/18/23

Adjourn 7:55 p.m.

NCC member L. Hill 11/20/23