

Newfields Conservation Commission (NCC) Minutes 2/19/24

Meeting Open: 7:02 p.m.

Members: J. Couture, A. Watts, D. Mason, C. Griffith, F. Hayden, J. Lent, Sel. M. Kessler

Guests: None

1) Administrative Business:

- a) Review of 1/15/24 Meeting Minutes - A. Watts motions to approve, J. Couture 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) M. Kessler relayed that video "Live Streaming" of the Conservation Commission meetings will commence in March 2024.
- b) Members discussed providing \$200 to the Exeter-Squamscott River Local Advisory Committee (ESRLAC) for annual dues. D. Mason motions, C. Griffith seconds, all in favor YES.
- c) Members discussed providing \$250 to Trust for Public Land (TPL) to support project cost associated with the potential Rugg property acquisition. A. Watts motions to accept, C. Griffith seconds, all in favor YES.
- d) D. Mason brought up the thought that that there are likely at least two Members whose terms shall soon expire – the Town Hall shall be contacted for term details.

3) Old Business:

- a) Community Forest (Rugg Property) updates:
 - In the case that the Rugg property was conserved, the Members discussed the option to implement parking enforcement in the new lot. It was deemed that this would likely require too much oversight, but is an open topic for future discussion.
 - J. Couture received a letter from Senator Maggie Hassan and Senator Jeanne Shaheen voicing their support for the Rugg Property acquisition.
- b) Beaver Impact- Review Alison's letter:
 - Members reviewed printed copies of the proposed letter and offered various revisions.
 - J. Couture motioned to approve the revised letter, D. Mason seconded, all in favor YES.

4) Mail:

- "SELT Supporter Survey"

Adjourned: 7:42pm

Next Meeting: 3/18/24

Minutes recorded by NCC member J. Lent, 19-FEB-2024