

City of Laconia
Conservation Commission
Wednesday, February 15, 2023 - 6:00 PM
City Hall in the Armand A. Bolduc City Council Chamber
Draft Minutes

2/15/2023 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Called to order at 6:00 PM

2. ROLL CALL

Ruth O'Hara, Dean Anson, Bob Harrington, Deb Williams

3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

4. RECORDING SECRETARY

Deb Williams

5. STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

6. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

7. OLD BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

9. NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES APPLICATIONS

10. OTHER BUSINESS

10.I. Cohort Business

Working session on Co-hort project: Information signs and gardens on the W.O.W. Trail

~ Irving Oil Company told Dean that we could not put our proposed pollinator garden on their property since they are still testing for contaminants.

~ We had discussion on sites for the rain garden and pollinator garden. The rain garden will go on the left side of the open clearing at the beginning of the trail, off Messer St. The garden will be on the slope running down to the DPW parking lot. The pollinator garden will be on the left side of the clearing, next to the woods and the edge of the slope down to Lake Opechee. The gardens' will be 10' by 10', or smaller. We should take a soil sample to see if enrichment is needed. For the pollinator garden we will put down cardboard pieces, covered with soil to knock down the weeds. We will need to increase the budget for Coast-of-Maine garden soil; probably around \$300.00. We will need to call Dig-Safe before we start gardens.

~ We agree on 5 signs to start. Dean will get some quotes from Winnisquam Printing, Gator Signs, and Paquette Signs.

~ We discussed the use of security cameras on the W.O.W. Trail. It would be good to have one at the clearing where the gardens will be.

~ Dean will email Wendy to ask how many slides we should have in our presentation in April. Also to get her thoughts on changes to the language used on the signs.

~ April 22 is Earth Day. Let's put article in the paper describing our project.

~ We need to talk to city I.T. staff about QR Code for our signs. We will link them all to our Conservation Commission page on the city website, under education. Links on that page already include some of our sign subjects.

11. LIAISON AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

News from Taylor Community: Landscapers are working on sod that was gouged up during plowing. No one seems to know who planted the garden on the W.O.W. Trail by Moulton St.

12. STAFF REPORT

13. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 7:45pm.