

Approved SCC Meeting Minutes 2/9/21  
via Google Meets

Cynthia Thornton, Louise Duda, Chris Clark, Linda Shelvey, Connie Youngstrom,  
Pam Darrow, Rich Biziak

1- The 11/2020 minutes read and approved

2-Treasurer Report

SCC currently has \$ 1250.00 plus \$1317.99 in our Reserve Fund

3-Goals that were selected after the 11/2020 meeting  
wildlife and riparian crossings  
Conservation Fund

4- Anti Littering Signs

We had a discussion of the efficacy and other sign issues. Chris reported that the Outing Club will discuss this at their April meeting. They may put up signs at the boat launch and the campsites. Grace was reimbursed for 10 signs. We will discuss issue further in the spring.

5- Jeffords Tree

Connie thinks she will be able to find a Mountain Ash tree in the spring.

6- SCC Membership

We can have 9 members. Cynthia and Chris are up to rejoin this March. Carrie Clancy and Andy Richards-Peele would like to join. Weezie will request their appointment from the Selectboard.

7- Linda Shelvey's Discussion

potential SCC goals-

- identify wildlife crossings
- collect data about wildlife and riparian crossings
- educate and interest others in the process

Weezie would like Alan's map to include conserved lands as he works on it further

For now Linda recommends that SCC pay attention to noticed wildlife crossings, notice culverts, and take photo of any interesting tracks. She will write a draft of an article for the March Times on what we are beginning to focus on and encourage others to notice and send in tracks or info of sightings or road kill.

SCC will decide what to do with any collected data at a later meeting. SCC will also begin to analyze potential locations for game cameras, discuss permissions

and logistics.

Linda would like us to get SMS interested in animal tracking in the fall.  
Linda would like to have a walk and talk in the fall.

Linda has a sample tracking data sheet that she can share.  
Connie has some tracking information from Sue Morse. She will dig it out.

#### 8- Gaynor Road

Selectboard has tabled its discussion about converting Gaynor Rd. into a trail for now. To do this all adjoining landowners have to be notified by mail, and there needs to be a warned meeting.

Aaron Korzen suggested converting another class 4 road first to try out the process. The homeowner currently drives down Gaynor Rd. and over a snow mobile bridge to get to 103 rather than up to Lottery Rd. Aaron Korzun has stated that the home owner has the right to do this because no road banks have been disturbed or culverts created. Weezie pointed out that the act of driving over this road throughout the winter will degrade this Class 4 road and possibly cause erosion into the nearby stream. No permission given, but permission not denied.

The home owner is supposed to maintain Gaynor Rd from his house up to Lottery Rd so that GMP can access its lines if needed. Weezie asked if this fact could be brought to Aaron's attention.

The property is now a full time residence because the homeowner added a septic system. Is this a precedent!? This is an important connectivity area (wildlife corridor). Rich asked if the upper portion of Gaynor should be turned into a trail as opposed to the lower portion. SCC discussed this some. The lower part of Gaynor Rd. goes quite near the Clarendon Shelter on the AT/LT.

Weezie suggested that SCC write letters to all 3 selectboard members expressing our concerns. Cynthia will draft a letter and share it with the SCC. Chris will contact Sandy Bragg and Jonathan Gibson to see if the Green Mountain Club wants to contact the Selectboard about this.

#### 9- GMP easements on Crown Point Rd.

Homeowners along this road have been contacted by GMP about moving lines- some of which may be underground. As agreed several years ago, GMP is supposed to contact the Selectboard prior to contacting homeowners and get approval for its overall plan. Chris wondered about the Town's right-of-way 25 feet from center of a road. The Selectboard has been notified of GMP's actions.

#### 10- Shade Trees

The Planning Commission and Gary Salmon have been working together to identify areas that may be appropriate for Shade Tree applications- to possibly

get expertise and information to protect shade trees.

#### 11- SCC Banner

Grace has not had a chance to address this. Connie will create a mock-up. Green Screen Graphics can print a sign on canvas.

#### 12- Town Website

We may want to update the SCC portion of the website when there is a new clerk so it can be done in person versus virtually.

#### 13- Conservation Fund

We discussed this issue. Is an alternative to put our leftover budget money into a fund instead? Chris has talked to Steven Nicholson about this, who says that budget monies cannot be rolled over year to year. We already have a Reserve Fund. Is this sufficient? Mark suggested having a set amount voted on each year, like Meeting House and Library do. We will explore this more in the summer.

Meeting adjourned: 6:35

Next meeting: March 9th @ 5:15