

Wayne Conservation Commission meeting

September 6, 2023, 5:30 P.M.

Attending: Chris Jones, Ken Spalding, Lloyd Irland, Diana McLaughlin, Leslie Burhoe, and Fred Hurley

1. Minutes from August 9, 2023 meeting

Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes as drafted, passed unanimously.

2. Conservation Commissioner Terms

- a. Chris, Diana, and Fred all need to be signed up for new 3 year terms. Chris will write to the Select Board to let them know and to ask for them to approve the appointment of Kelli Hess to the Commission. Chris will provide a small bio with Diana's help.
- b. The Commission recommends all the above appointments.

3. 100-Acre Wood Updates

- a. In preparation for a September 23rd trail work day, the south loop, (steep loop the reaches the bottom of the property and creates a loop) has been freshly flagged.
- b. Also a NEW tentative trail has been flagged on the easterly side of the property between the ROW and Wilson Pond. More work to happen on this before it is marked as a trail, including checking with the IF&W about shoreland viewpoints.
- c. Has there been a "Private Road" sign added after the Public House Road ends? Need to check
- d. The SB has approved the town retaining the parking lot of the 100-Acre Wood. The surveyor will do that (paid for with money the Commission will need to raise) and complete the remaining odds and ends, marking some boundarys, maps etc.
- e. New trespass – on August 16th Ken and Leslie discovered that multiple stones had been taken from the farthest south foundation along the ROW. This was the largest foundation and most of the large slabs of granite are missing. See photos. Leslie called the Sheriff's Department and a deputy came right out on August 18th. He took photos and recommended a "posted" sign be put up so that if he saw anyone there on subsequent visits he count site the people. Leslie did that immediately. A few days later she added signs that read "Historic Site, Do Not Disturb". She made 2 of these and put them on the 2 access points that were used. She added additional stakes to discourage access. It was fairly obvious that it hadn't been very recent but perhaps that Spring or the past Fall and maybe a few times. As a members of the Commission we thought we would ask all the land owners down there if they had seen anything or knew anything about the missing stones.
- f. Fundraising – the Commission will need to do some fund raising to complete the survey and pay an attorney to review the transfer deed to KLT.
- g. Can we find an attorney to do this Pro Bono?

4. Septic and Jellystone Update

- a. Lloyd gave us a brief update on the Jellystone Issue. Alleged noise violations and Jellystone's decision to not work with the town on the expansion. They still need DEP permits.
- b. The Town of Wayne will be sending out voluntary survey's to all property owners in Wayne and an education piece.

Next meeting October 4, 2023 at the Cary Memorial Library.