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SHARON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING, JUNE 21, 2023

Attending: Cicily Hajek, Bethany Sheffer, Carl Chalet, Jim Krissel, and Johannes Van Der Tuin, Chair, in-person.

Also attending Mike Nadeau, Sharon Environmental and Energy Commission.

This meeting was called to order at 6:36pm

OLD BUSINESS

1. Minutes for approval: Last Regular Meeting, May 17, 2023

A motion was made by Jim Krissel, seconded by Carl Chalet and approved unanimously.

2. Native Plant Work in Sharon

Bethany to send an updated version of the native plant proclamation to the commission for review for the next regular meeting on July 19, 2023.

3. Recreational Easement Trail Maintenance

Sunday, July 9th was determined to be the day to perform maintenance on the Smith Road conservation easement from 10am-12pm. Johannes, Jim, and Bethany committed to helping. Volunteers to meet at the route 4 entrance.

Kings Road conservation easement may require a professional machine to remove a widomaker, as reported by Carl, approximately ¼ mile onto the trail.

Fairchild will also require professional machinery to remove debris.

Carl motioned for Phil to pay a visit to Fairchild Road conservation easement to assess and provide the commission with a cost estimate for debris removal. Seconded by Jim and unanimously approved.

Johannes will call Phil to inquire about scheduling a time and get the necessary quote.

Bethany will draft ideas for volunteers to help commission with any needs it determines.

4. Energy and Environmental Attendance

Bethany and Johannes will attend the following SEEC meeting on Wednesday, July 12th, at 5:30pm.

NEW BUSINESS

5. DEEP Timber Harvest in Housatonic State Forest

Carl to attend on behalf of the Conservation Commission. Mike Nadeau also volunteered to attend. He requested the support of the commission to monitor DEEP's forestry practices during the harvest, particularly in respect to harvest of the selected area's top soil. Carl agreed to take thorough notes during the DEEP walk-through on (date here) to send to the commission, and Johannes and Bethany agreed to participate in a discussion of the topic at the July SEEC meeting.

6. Aligned Efforts for a Greener Sharon

Bethany to inquire with town hall about 'welcome packet' that may or may not still exist. She proposed working with the SEEC and Wetlands Commission to contribute to this packet (or create one) containing "green" materials related to wetlands subject matter, native planting information/resources, composting resources, etc. for when new residents move to town.

Johannes entertained a motion to adjourn at 7:15pm – which was made by Carl seconded by Jim Approved unanimously.