



Date: 1/26/2022

Attendees:

- Sandy Goodspeed
- Jeff Leombruno
- Liz Wilson
- Dan McCombs
- Barbara Willis
- Joe Trombley

PHOTO WINNERS

Dan presented the ECC photo winners (Lana Savarese & Matt Levesque) with their awards.

PERMITS

84 Exeter Rd Conditional Use, buffer impact – Paige Libbey, Jones & Beach.

Paige was here to present plans for a site at 84 Exeter Rd. The site plan application is to build an additional building on the existing site for Glass Pro to store products on site. The plan has been conditionally approved by the planning board, dependent on ECC approval. The existing site had plans for a septic system, but the septic did not get installed as they were able to tie into town water at the time. Paige provided details and specifics of the plans. She also mentioned the original approval for the site was for two buildings, and they are back now for approval on the second building. Discussion followed. Liz mentioned she can't speak to the original discussions in 2006, but the plan doesn't seem to match current standards. Liz mentioned she thinks the plan would also require a lot of inspections. Paige said they would be willing to add that as a condition. Sandy read some notes from Scott. He mentioned that some of existing building is already in the buffer. Scott's vote on this plan would be no, as the new building would be almost entirely in the wetland buffer. He thinks a small storage building where the septic was planned to be would be acceptable, but thinks that would be in the road setback. Continuing questions and discussion. Paige mentioned they have tried to get a variance for the road setback, but that was denied. Sandy asked Paige if she could get dates from any relevant meetings in 2006 so we can go back and review any notes or minutes. Joe questioned if the wetland buffer has been adjusted over the years. Dan asked if we can see the original plans as well. Liz questioned if any other site options have been explored (second story, etc). Joe suggested we continue until next month, to give Paige an opportunity to provide any historical context available. Paige agreed to provide the original plans from 2006 and whatever information she could about the meetings (dates, minutes, etc).

PROPERTIES

New Trail Volunteers - Brian & Emilea Avery

Brian joined via Zoom. Brian went out this past weekend to do some wetland monitoring with John Clark, and Sandy invited him to the meeting. Barbara explained the different volunteer

levels to explore Brian's interest. Brian expressed he'd be interested in helping with multiple properties. Sandy said we could use help with George Falls Woods. Brian also asked about a property behind one of the churches that might need some monitoring. Sandy would like to get him out to George Falls Woods and get him in touch with Todd on next steps.

Duck Nesting Boxes – John Scully

John joined us to ask permission to install wood duck nesting boxes on some of our properties. He was asking about potentially Fox Run, George Falls Woods, Tilton Woods, and possibly others. He would like to mount some on steel poles to keep them away from possible predators like raccoons. John said he would plan on maintaining the boxes at least yearly. John said placement would be off trail, in an attempt to hide them from the public so they don't get messed with. Joe mentioned we should get the locations documented or mapped so the ECC knows where they are placed. Joe recommended the ECC could potentially pay for materials. Sandy moved to approve the duck boxes, assuming we get the coordinates etc. Dan seconded, motion passed.

Barbara questioned if we should be asking our volunteers to track their time somehow, so we know how much time people are putting in so we can recognize them. Sandy said SELT uses a system to track their volunteers time and would send info out to the group. Ongoing discussion around how to potentially manage this.

Tilton bridges moved – Todd

Todd sent an email update saying he went out to look at the bridges, and does not think he'll be able to move or store them. Todd thinks we might need to disassemble them, or talk to LRAC about a more permanent installation. Sandy will talk with LRAC and Joel about these options, and send pictures of the bridges to the ECC.

Rose Marie Dumas Survey proposal – Scott

Scott is planning on surveying this property this winter. Sandy will send Joe map and lot numbers.

ADMIN

Group photos – Sandy

- ECC – May 25th, 2022, 6:30
- Volunteers - Sep 28, 2022, 6:30

Budget update – Dan

- Dan said we don't have the report yet from the town, so we'll address next month.

Tech – Dan

- Our domain name (eppingoutdoors.com) is going to be expiring. Sandy made a motion to approve renewing our website address, Liz seconded. Motion passed.

Outreach – Barbara Willis

- Member bios - Barbara needs bios from Ben and Jeff.
- Barbara is going to send a photo of the photo contest winners to the Carriage Town News

- Liz gave an update from her presentation to the high school, and we have a couple students interested in volunteering but none currently interested in a full internship for school credit.
- Liz also mentioned she is going to connect with a teacher at the elementary school for an event in the spring.

Route 125 Improvement Project and Beard Sand Pit– Liz

- Liz said she has not been able to find any permits or records for the dewatering of this property, and she is going to try to contact someone at NH DES to get some more information.

Warrant Articles – Sandy

- Carriage Town News Letter to Editor
 - Sandy said that there is a draft letter to the editor of the Carriage Town News to explain the 3 warrant articles that will be on the ballot this year related to the Epping Conservation Commission.
 - Joe mentioned from a legal standpoint, we need to be careful about how we word anything that goes out to the public, and should be reviewed by legal before it goes out. Joe would like to include our writeup with what the Selectmen are putting together as a writeup on all warrant articles to be available at the deliberative session.
- Other ways to get out the information

MISC

- Joe mentioned article 17 was recommended by the budget committee, but barely

Meeting adjourned at 8:43.