

**Present:** Scott Travers, Gregg Thibodeau, Ryanne (Select Board Representative) Robin Ungeheuer, Lisa Hyatt

**Absent:** Mark Girard, Rob Traver, Janet Slocum, Jennifer Bland

**Meeting called to order at 7:02pm**

**Public** - None

**Meeting minute review** – A copy of the April minutes was not available for our meeting. The members at the meeting that were in attendance in April did review the notes and had no changes, but we decided to defer final approval until June. Gregg to resend the notes.

### **Organizational Changes**

- All extensions and new alternate were approved by the Select Board; All folks have been sworn in as well.

### **Budget**

- Turbidity meter – Gregg to coordinate with the Town Administrator to purchase the meter, ideally directly from the manufacturer or authorized retailer to ensure we obtain warranty and service support.
- Authorize \$500 Donation to Orchard Hill
  - Gregg had a conservation with Eleanor from Orchard Hill with the following findings:
    - All center sessions were cancelled during COVID.
    - The center began ramping back up slowly over 2021-2023.
    - They've had additional challenges due to flood road issues; Thayer Brook Road
    - Prior to COVID they would have as many as 100 children in their programs with about 10 children from Acworth
    - In the past the \$500 donation was used to sponsor Acworth children
    - Last year there were 5 Acworth kids in their programs.
  - It's the only ecological camp for kids; with the recent closure of the Leaf school parents are looking for options for their children and teenagers; Orchard has teen programs as well, ages 13-18.
  - <https://www.thecenteratorchardhill.org/>
  - Motion was made by Gregg to donate \$500 to the Center at Orchard Hill and seconded by Ryanne. Motion passed. Gregg to follow-up with Town Administrator for payment.

### **Conservation Plan**

- Gregg asked Ryanne and Lisa being new members on ConCom to review the conservation plan. Gregg to post links to our shared drive and the conservation plan.
    - [Acworth Conservation Commission](#) Share drive.
    - [01 Draft Acworth Conservation Plan.docx](#) Conservation Plan
- NOTE:** With these links you will have edit capability. Please be careful when reviewing these documents.

### **Forest and Land Management**

- South Acworth Forest (map 249, lot 9) – update (Gregg, Mark, Rob) – Guidance due to Jeff to complete the plan.
- Land Surveys - Crescent Lake (map 201, lots 107 and 108) – letter drafted to complete the work or close out our work with Eric and negotiate with a new surveyor.
- Easement Monitoring
  - Pan-Northern Pierce Brook SPNHF (Jen) – Jen to schedule a meet-and-greet introductory session.
- Update Prouty/Honey Brook Property - Map 250 lot 2.
- **Water Protection** (Crescent Lake, Cold River, watersheds, wetlands, ponds, and perennial streams)
  - Shoreland Permit Issues - none.
  - Keyes Hollow HVA actions (Rob, Gregg, Mark)
    - Rob is going to follow-up with DES engagement.

- Gregg submitted an application to see if we can obtain the services of the Taking Action For Wildlife (TAFW) team. They are offering 6 months of specialized support to help organize a few efforts for Concom members that attended their recent training.

### **Training, Education and Communications**

- **Training and Education**
  - **Pollinator Education** – the following was provided to our members and volunteers and we review the Super 7 documentation at our meeting.
    - UNH Extension Super 7 - <https://extension.unh.edu/blog/2020/02/who-are-pollinators-nhs-super-seven>
      - Bees, moths, butterflies, wasps, flies, beetles, birds
    - USDA Rooted in Research Science Roundup – Northern Research Station
      - Pollinator Communities and Timber Harvesting
      - Creating Wildlife Habitat in Yards and Gardens
      - Couple of articles regarding bats and white nose syndrom
- **Community Outreach**
  - Newsletter Review
    - We reviewed the draft newsletter, and we had consensus on the content. Rob had also provided feedback offline that was incorporated.
    - Gregg to send the letter to the Acworth Newsletter and post to our Webpage and Facebook page.
  - Other educational topics – Hazardous materials, iNaturalist; climate change impacts; shoreland and wetland restrictions/limitations/requirements, property conservation options,
  - Conservation plan – town hall review (summer 2024); fall survey/questionnaire; publish Mar 2025
  - Volunteer Field Events – Crescent Lake Boundary Marking and Cleanup. Keyes Hollow Nature Trail
- **Next Meeting** – 12 June 2024 at 7pm in the Town Hall

### **Conservation Commission Members:**

- Jennifer Bland (co-chair)
- Gregg Thibodeau (co-chair)
- RYanne Schoonover, (Select Board rep.)
- Mark Girard
- Scott Travers
- Janet Slocum
- Rob Traver
- Robin Ungeheuer (alt)
- Lisa Hyatt (alt)

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