

**Town of Epsom**  
**Conservation Commission Draft Meeting Minutes**  
**January 20, 2022, at 6:00pm      Approved March 17, 2022**

Meeting Attendees: Alison Parodi-Beiling, Chad Decker, Vice Chair, Robyn Blais, Member, Cheryl Gilpatrick (Selectmen Representative), Mr. Klemarczyk, Town Forester.

**Call to Order & Agenda**

Ms. Parodi-Beiling called the meeting to order at 6:05pm. The Members reviewed the agenda. No changes were made and agenda was approved as written.

**Town Forest Update:**

Ron Klemarczyk, the Town Forester presented the Forester Plan, the Forest Type Map, and the Discovery Map for review and reviewed a brief history. Mr. Klemarczyk noted that he and Alison had done a walk-around and reviewed all the areas that could be forested and possible trails. He reviewed where the trails could be located and recommended, they stay within the Town property to avoid needing easements. He indicated the plans include updating the parking lot, which would require some harvesting of timber. All maps are now electronic and the plan is to have the maps downloadable to cell phones. Alison noted the Forestry Plans have very interesting notes of for historical and geological reference. Mr. Klemarczyk noted he also will have estimates of income from the timber sales to put towards to the Town Forest Improvements.

Moving forward, Mr. Klemarczyk would like to do a site walk in the spring and a decision would then be made about executing the timber harvest. Alison noted we would like Mr. Klemarczyk to help in mapping the trails. He is also offering his services to help do the clearing and cutting, for which there would be a cost. He would do the major cutting in advance of having volunteers, and then meet them to help on a separate day. Alison noted we would concede to his expertise for the trail building in the portion of the Forest.

**Milfoil – Deer Meadow Pond**

Ms. Gilpatrick reviewed the status of the request to treat the milfoil at Deer Meadow Pond. This is not something that can be part of the Town budget however it could possibly be something the Conservation Commission would consider paying from one of the Conservation Funds. The Members agreed this would most likely not be something the Commission would be willing to pay for as it sets a precedence for other bodies of water in town and the treatment of such. The Selectmen also have since found out that it is a five- or six-year plan so it seems it would have an additional cost in the future as well, which could be costly. The issue of the Northwood Lake treatments was discussed as well, and how that is funded. This issue will be revisited at a later date after Cheryl does some research about other bodies of water, etc.

**Warrant Article**

The Commission will work on putting in a Warrant Article for next year for the increase in the LUCT percentage to help fund acquisitions of conservation land and easements.

### **Epsom Circle Wetlands Mitigation Option**

Alison noted that Katrina from Bearpaw is working on checking to see if the Commission can receive funds from the mitigation for the Common Man Roadside Project at the Circle to help pay for the new Easement currently in process. She will update us at a future meeting.

### **Roadside Clean-Up**

Alison would like to place the order for the trees to distribute to those who help with Earth Day Roadside clean-up. The Commission members agreed. Alison would like to work with the Road Agent again this year. We will revisit at the next meeting and Cheryl will mention to Scott.

With no other business to be addressed, Chad Decker motioned to Adjourn. Robyn Blais, Second the Motion. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
by Cheryl Gilpatrick