

**TOWN OF EPSOM
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Epsom Town Offices
August 17, 2023, 6:00 PM**

PRESENT

Robyn Sweeney-Blaise, Chair
Chad Decker, Vice Chair
Kate Champney, Commissioner
Samantha Lazo, Commissioner
Meadow Wysocki, Selectmen Representative

ALSO PRESENT

Jennifer Riel, Recording Secretary
Chuck Scheys, resident
Frankie Scheys, resident

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Blaise called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

AGENDA REVIEW

No changes were made to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting of June 22, 2023 – No edits were made. **MOTION: To approve the minutes as presented. Motion by Mr. Decker. Second by Ms. Champney. Motion passed unanimously.**

Deer Meadow Pond Milfoil Update

The Deer Meadow Pond Association has been registered with the New Hampshire Secretary of State; Mr. Scheys stated he needs clarification if the Commission and the Town can allow the Association to handle the bills and disperse funds. Ms. Wysocki confirmed the Town could pay the Association who then pays the vendor. Mr. Scheys explained the treatment process which has numerous steps; he stated he needs to find out how much the State will cover for the costs. He stated he isn't sure how much the costs will be to the Town; he stated bids will go out for the treatment and be submitted to the State. Mr. Scheys stated his contact at the State doesn't believe the quotes will be too far off from the estimates previously discussed but its not a guarantee. Ms. Wysocki stated if the quote is too far off from the previous estimates, and is over \$2500, a public hearing will be needed but she will get confirmation. Mr. Scheys explained the bid will be based on the next inspection scheduled for the end of the month.

Ms. Wysocki asked if they have any plans for future funding. Mr. Scheys stated they are hoping this won't require ongoing maintenance; they will be looking to reduce risks for contamination, including getting designation from the State of NH to restrict the use of motorized boats.

Town Timber Harvest Update

Chair Blaise shared the report from the Town Forester; there have been a lot of washouts in the roadway to the Town Forest. Ms. Wysocki stated she checked with the Road Agent to see if he has any concerns. There are no concerns unless a new culvert is required in a place it did not exist, then new a easement will be needed from property owners and NH DES.

Ms. Wysocki asked if there has been discussion about expansion for the parking lot. Mr. Decker stated per the Town Forester, it would be more than could be covered by the timber harvest proceeds. Ms. Wysocki stated Webster Park updated kiosks and signs; she suggested they could use the kiosk at the Town Forest if need be, in the future. Chair Blaise stated they are just waiting for bids to come in for the harvesting with work to begin as soon as possible.

Next Meeting

September 21, 2023, 6:00PM.

**MOTION: To adjourn. Motion by Mr. Decker. Ms. Champney seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Riel

Jennifer Riel, Recording Secretary