

**Town of Epsom
Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2021, at 5:30pm**

Meeting Attendees: Alison Perodi-Bieling, Member; Chad Decker, Member; Joy Sheehan (Budget Rep), Cheryl Gilpatrick (Selectmen Representative): Meadow Wysocki, Nicole Duquette, Luke Healy, and Brad Purnew.

Call to Order & Agenda

Alison called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. The agenda was reviewed. No changes were made.

Review Town Forest: Management Plan Status, Work, and Utilization

Alison noted that digitizing the management plan is making the completion of the Town Forester’s work go a little slower. She noted the plan was to possibly use the money from the trees to fix the road and culvert. Once the Management Plan is completed the Commission will review and decide what steps are next.

6:00 Appointment: Granite Convenience

Granite Convenience representatives reviewed the plans to replace Mr. Mike’s with their convenience store, and the wetlands impact results with the Commission. Approximately \$165,000 went to the ARM fund as there were no ongoing plans in Epsom that the wetlands mitigation could have been applied to.

6:30 Appointment - Rocks Placement and Guided Hike:

Meadow updated the Commissioners on the plan to place rocks that were painted during Old Home Weekend in a trail in the Town Forest. She will post the date and time (September 12th at 1pm) on media sites.

Other Business

Shooting in the Town Forest: Cheryl asked about shooting firearms in the Town Forest as she noted there was discussion on social media regarding this. Alison noted there is no shooting in the Town Forest however, there is a “shooting range” next to the Town Forest, which poses a danger to visitors who are walking on certain trails.

Signs for Town Forest:

Alison noted there haven’t been any parking complaints lately. She also reviewed her ideas for signs to be purchased and placed in the Forest, such as “Animals Don’t Litter – Act Like an Animal” and some sort of multi-use sign. She will get more info.

Cheryl noted there is a Department Head meeting coming up on September 13th.

The meeting adjourned at 6:27pm.