



**Town of Henniker
Conservation Commission Meeting
Wednesday March 6, 2024 7 PM
Town Hall Meeting Room**

Members Present: Co-Chair Holly Green, Co-Chair Mark Mitch, Ross Bennett, Maegan Gagne, Roni Hardy
Member's Excused: Selectman Scott Osgood
Recording Secretary: Hank Bernstein
Guests: Laura French

CALL TO ORDER

Holly Green called the meeting to order at 7:06PM.

ITEM #1- FORESTRY MANAGEMETN PLAN – LAURA FRENCH, MEADOWSEND CONSULTING COMPANY

Laura French, of Meadowsend Consulting Company, presented the first draft of the Forestry Management Plan for The Watman Conservation Area (lots 47, 48, and 50). Ms. French and the Commission discussed edits.

Ms. French gave her recommendations. She suggested that Stand One (Lots 47 & 50) be left alone. The terrain is steep and rocky and it would be difficult to find a logger with the expertise and willingness to navigate their equipment through such rough terrain and the difficulty of getting equipment up there would not be worth the risk to the small benefit a cut would have in creating wildlife habitat. She also suggested that Stand Two (Lot 48) be harvested- the timing of which would be dependent on timber markets and the bid process for a forester.

Ms. French asked which property the Commission would like to focus on next. The Commission would like to focus on Chase Brook next.

Ms. French also discussed the benefits of a certified tree farm and public outdoor workshops.

ITEM #2- REVIEW AND APPROVE PREVIOUS DRAFT MINUTES

i. June 7, 2023

The Commission discussed edits to the June 7, 2023, minutes. **Ross moved to accept as revised, seconded by Maegan, and unanimously passed.**

ii. February 7, 2024

The Commission discussed edits to the February 7, 2024, minutes. **Mark moved to accept as revised, seconded by Roni, and unanimously passed.**

ITEM #3- FOLLOW UP RE FIVE RIVERS CONSERVATION TRUST'S MONITORING OF CHASE BROOK CONSERVATION EASEMENT

The Commission discussed an email from Five Rivers Conservation Trust (5RCT) describing violations of the Conservation Easement by abutters, including the creation of an unauthorized ATV Trail, on the Chase Brook Conservation Land. Holly noted she would follow up with 5RCT regarding their concerns and track down previous correspondence from 5RCT, including a letter that suggested installing more boundary markers.

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ITEM #4- OTHER BUSINESS

- The Commission also received a complaint from the Piscataquog Land Conservancy of motor vehicles Colby Little Brook Conservation Land.
- Roni shared a draft form letter addressing Intent to Cuts that may have wetland impact.
- Maegan requested an earlier meeting time. The Commission agreed that 6:30 PM was doable.

ADJOURNMENT

The Conservation Commission adjourned at 9:12

Respectfully submitted,

Hank Bernstein
Minute Taker

Minutes Approved: 04/03/2024