

MEETING MINUTES

ALBANY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, September 6th, 2022. 6:30 pm

Members present: Kevin Tilton, Cort Hansen, Mike Steward, Sean Wadsworth. Absent and excused: Cathy Ryan, alternate.

Kevin called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

Under new business Kevin asked for a review of the minutes of the 7/5/22 meeting. He noted that there was a word problem with one paragraph which should be corrected. Cort said that the final version would be corrected before submission to the record. With no other questions or discussion Kevin asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the 7/5/22 meeting. Mike made a motion and Sean seconded the motion. By a 4-0 vote, the motion to approve the minutes of the 7/5/22 meeting was passed.

Kevin checked the ACC mailbox and there was one letter from the USVLT asking for CC member's financial support of the mission work of the USVLT.

Kevin noted the upcoming Zoom meeting regarding the Albany Hazard Mitigation Plan meeting scheduled for Wednesday September 7th at 6:00pm. Invitations for the Zoom meeting have been sent to the CC members along with other Albany town boards. He then surveyed CC members to see if anyone had attended the 8/17/22 meeting of the Saco Wild and Scenic River Coalition. No one had attended that meeting.

Under old business Kevin brought up the topic of the USVLT survey that was forwarded to commission members by Sean on 6/28 and had been discussed and completed at the 7/5/22 meeting. USVLT is asking organizations to rank the priorities for resource value on their respective land holdings. The survey had not been sent back to USVLT yet. Kevin said he would return the survey to them at once.

Under old business, Kevin said he was unable to locate a hard copy of the Davis lease to update his farm lease period. This comes after not being able to find a digital copy within the town records. He said he will need to have a hard copy available in order to re-type a new lease form with the revised lease extension. Cort said he could check former CC chairman Rob Nadler records to see if he has an original digital version or hard copy in his files.

The MWVRCC trailer removal, seasonally as per the USVLT easement regulations, should be addressed by fall. It was thought that this would be a good time to contact them regarding the removal. Kevin Bennett is the current contact on record for the Club (#986-4383).

Boundary maintenance work was discussed with a tentative volunteer work date of October 15 or 16th. Hopefully, with the seasonal leaf drop the task easier by that date. The next section to work on would be the boundary starting at the NHFG entrance and going south to the USFS property boundary. Kevin said the USFS boundary had been recently done and as such there would be no need remark the boundary from the entrance to the field to Route 16. At the same time, further work on the maintaining the viewshed along Route 16 was discussed with perhaps that volunteer work being continued on the same weekend.

Mike discussed that the new trail mapping task should be held off pending further trail work on the south side of the Kanc. He indicated that there was interest a trail loop extension going west around the Kennett ski jump and someone from SAU9 should be informed if the trail extension work would impact the jump property.

With no other business to discuss and with no public comments, Kevin asked for a motion to adjourn. With a motion from Sean and with a second from Mike the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 pm.

The next scheduled meeting would be Tuesday, October 4th, 2022 at 6:30pm.

Cort Hansen, Conservation Commission Secretary.