

TOWN OF SKOWHEGAN
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
February 1, 2022
6:00 P.M.
Municipal Building, Council Room

PRESENT:

Tristen Hinkle, Chairman
Kate Drummond, Vice Chairman
Corey Hinkle
Barry Sites
Larry Taylor
Cynthia Kirk, Recording Secretary

ABSENT: Dylan Engler, Matt Keister, Corey Johnson

PUBLIC PRESENT:

QUORUM:

Conservation Commission meeting called to order at 6:02 PM, quorum was present.

1) MINUTES OF THE December 7, 2021 CONSERVATION MEETINGS TO BE APPROVED:

Motion by Tristen Hinkle to approve the December 7, 2021 Conservation Committee minutes as written.
Seconded by Kate Drummond. Motion passed 5-0.

2) OLD BUSINESS:

A) Review the updates from Karem at the DOT on the Whitten Brook Project.

Tristen reviewed the report that Karem provided after the site visit, they did. She also brought some copies of the grant application that they will be looking into applying for to help with the community match for the bigger 319 grant. She said she also spoke with the town's highway department and they told her that they may be able to come up with a couple thousand dollars to put towards the match. Barry asked if they could also approach the Selectmen about requesting more than the usual \$1,000 in their annual budget request. Cynthia said that they could come to a meeting and give them an update on what they have been working on and why they might want to request more in the annual budget.

Tristen said that the DOT is looking to send a camera down the pipes along Madison Ave. to give them a better idea of what they might be dealing with and how much work needs to be done on the existing pipes and the existing culverts. If they are going to be digging up everything anyway then that would be a good time for them to get in there and work on separating the stormwater away from Whitten Brook.

They reviewed the rest of the report.

Kate said this is a good time to be looking at finishing the phase 2 of this project since DOT will be doing the work on Madison Ave. in 2024/2025.

B) Discuss next steps on information packet for the community members near Whitten Brook.

Cynthia said that she is currently working on getting a list of the abutters that run along the Whitten Brook and she can let them know when she has that done for when they want send out the information.

3) NEW BUSINESS:

A) Review Conservation Commission Budget

Tristen asked where they are with their current budget. Cynthia said they are currently at \$5,151.45 as of June 2021. That does not include the \$1,225.00 for Ecological Instincts that they have already voted on. Kate mentioned that the amount they approved for the Madison Anson Sewer District for the testing is actually a little less than what the invoice came in as. She said they need an additional amount of \$93.00 to finish paying it.

Motion by Barry Sites to pay the Madison Anson Sewer District an additional \$93.00. Seconded by Tristen Hinkle. Motion passed 5-0.

Tristen asked about getting a quote from Jen Jespersen for updating the 319 grant that she had worked on during the first phase of the Whitten Brook project. Everyone agreed that it would be better to have her update it instead of them.

B) Share winter Conservation newsletter

4) UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES:

None

6) ADDITIONAL MEMBER & STAFF ITEMS:

Motion by Kate Drummond to adjourn at 6:54 pm. Seconded by Tristen Hinkle. Motion passed 5-0.
Next meeting scheduled for March 1, 2022

Minutes approved _____, 2022

Chairman
