

Minutes for the June 28, 2021 Alexandria Conservation Commission Meeting

Call meeting to order: Prior to the normal business meeting an informational workshop was held with Joshau Megyesy and David Carroll regarding the status of the Alexandria Bog via conference call. This workshop began at 18:32 and ended at 19:53. The regular scheduled business meeting was called to order at 19:55 by Jennifer Tuthill, Chairperson.

Members Present: Jennifer Tuthill, Ernest Lamos, Merry Ruggirello, Tom Guilmette, Ron Maclean, and Steve Whitman

Excused: George Whittaker, Audrey West

BOS Representative: The BOS was not represented at this meeting

Guests: Rosie Homer (Rosie submitted a letter to Chairperson Jennifer Tuthill requesting appointment as an Alternate on the Commission, which will be presented to the BOS for their consideration)

- ❖ Approve minutes from the 26 May 2021 mtg. **Motion to accept minutes was made by Merry and 2nd by Steve. Minutes were accepted as presented.**
- ❖ Financials: 2021 Operating Budget. **Balance as of 6/7 was \$1495.97**
- ❖ Permits: **None requiring action by Commission**

Old Business:

1. Status of Website: Updating for change in officers and upcoming ACC activities continues to need editing. Corrections still need to be made to webpage to update member status, which will be addressed after the April elections. Known corrections to the webpage will be made after the 28 April election of officers. Steve will work with Jennifer D. to coordinate this effort. Steve reported that this is still outstanding, and he will get this done before the June 30 mtg. **This has been completed.**
2. Status of Town Forest Management Plan: Ernie and Merry will meet in January to work on a plan. Audrey West suggested accessing plans by other towns with TF management plans to develop language and structure for ours. They agreed that this would be part of their plan. Meeting has not been held; however, once the vacancy is filled, and the road to the Town Forest is more accessible a meeting will be convened, and a plan developed. Ernie has been reviewing plans from other towns. Ernie reported that no meeting has taken place as yet, but he and Merry plan to meet before the June 30 mtg. **This item was carried forward to our next meeting without discussion due to time constraints.**
3. Status of repainting boundary markers at the Town Forest: after discussion, it was decided to have a TF community activity in April specifically to mark the TF boundaries. This activity will fall under the 2021 major projects and will include working with AmeriCorps volunteers in clearing and maintaining trails, creating new trails, and designating boundary markers. Informational signage will also be addressed but will probably fall outside of the work done by AmeriCorp volunteers. Jennifer has spoken with Andrew Veilleux and dates have been firmed up. Two

commission members are needed for each of those dates. **This item was carried forward to our next meeting without discussion due to time constraints.**

4. Status of replacing member for Management Plan Committee. **This item was carried forward to our next meeting without discussion due to time constraints.**
5. Status of Potential projects for 2021: These are the projects that are under consideration for 2021. As each project comes to fruition, it will become its own entity and be reported on individually.
 - Mapping of Town Forest trails, creating a border trail, marking points of interest in TF. Jenny working with Andrew re AmeriCorp volunteers. **This item was carried forward to our next meeting without discussion due to time constraints.**
 - Barrett Park – general discussion based on recent findings. **See item #1 New Business.**
6. Status of the Photo contest. It was agreed to hold the contest from 15 April to 30 September so that calendars can be ready for sale by Thanksgiving. Theme of 2021 contest is “Exploring Alexandria through Photography”. **This item was carried forward to our next meeting without discussion due to time constraints.**
7. Status of investigation: It was brought to the attention of the Conservation Commission that disturbance of wetlands is occurring on Plumer Hill Rd. and Lake View Heights. The Commission is following up on these reports and will refer their findings to DES if warranted. The commission has followed up on these reports and will notify DES of our concerns. **Letter has been sent to DES voicing our concerns.**

New Business

1. Discussion of a plan for Barrett Park. Jennifer will lead discussion on recent findings and her interaction with Fish & Game regarding those findings. **This item was carried forward to our next meeting without discussion due to time constraints.**
2. All other new business to be considered by the Commission at this meeting: **None brought forth.**

There being no other new business, the meeting was adjourned by Jennifer Tuthill at 20:09. Our next meeting will be 28 July 2021, at the Alexandria Village School at 18:30.