

MEETING MINUTES

ROCKLAND PRESERVE COMMITTEE

MONDAY- JANUARY 10, 2022
7:00 ZOOM MEETING

Attendance: Joe Oslander, Tim Burton, Jason Engelhardt, Lori Lodge, Cecily Caran, David Okamoto, Austin Hall

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes:

November 15, 2021 – Motions – Dave 2nd – Jason All approved with revisions. Changing CPFA to CFFA and Meeting date in November to 11/14/2022.

Chair's Report:

Renee's Way update – snow fence pushed down and debris from yard cleanup dumped on property.

Godman Camp – Stats for year for 2021

- 57 permits distributed through CFFA and Madison Beach and Rec. (Beach and Rec requests that only one permit provided per day)
- 223 campers
- 16 permits for out of state including Arizona
- 3 boy scout troops used site
- May, June, October most popular months

Bimble's Bluff chair is suggesting change to route to include Mica Ledges. Aide station will remain at the Renee's Way.

Nomination and election of 2022 officers:

- 2022 Chairman – Joe Oslander – 1st Cecily, 2nd Dave
- Vice Chairman – Jason Engelhardt – 1st David, 2nd Cecily
- Secretary – Lori Lodge – 1st Joe, 2nd Jason

Unanimous supported.

Report:

Coan pond trail reports are being submitted as required by the Regional Water Authority.

Signage report

Map revision needed. Jason is working on it currently. Working on both online and print versions. Possibility of using QR Code scan so that people can pull up maps on their phones.

NEMBA has new leadership and looking to support Rockland. Possibly through funding of signage.

Tim is working with Cheshire Middle School to make trail signs.

Update Pollinator Habitat Project

Cecily met with members of the Conservation Commission after Christmas. They will serve as resource for the grant application and suggested controlled burn in that area which is endorsed by landscape professionals.

Cecily will talk with John Delaura, Inland/Wetland Commission, to get blessing for burn. Cecily will reach out to NOMAD to discuss/schedule controlled burn for March.

Soil testing was suggested to ensure the soil in mound between Pollinator Habitat Project and Coan Pond does not have any toxic entities prior to the mound being moved.

ARP Committee has been formed and will be further discussed at Board of Selectman meeting tomorrow.

Summer Intern Discussion

The committee discussed the possibility of hiring an intern this summer. At this time, an intern will not be utilized.

2022 Project List

Project list reviewed

Next Meeting: March 21, 2022

Meeting Adjourned: 8:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted-

Lori Lodge