

Tunbridge Conservation Commission Agenda for Feb. 2, 2023 @ TPL

Draft Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Maureen McCoullough, Eliza Minnucci, Michael Sacca, Betsy Gaiser, Evan Reiss, Jory Innes, Cheryl Metcalf

Public Present:

Called to Order at 6:06

Approve Jan. minutes -minutes are approved with no corrections.

Treasurer's report -

- ❖ JI shared the Treasurer's report via email for each to review.
- ❖ We agreed to buy stamps for official TCC correspondence.

Action Item: JI will buy stamps.

ARPA fund application update:

- ❖ We agreed to withdraw our ARPA proposal for the Spur Trail/Drew Lot.
- ❖ Putnam's Meadow proposal remains. There may be an opportunity for future funding.

Action Item: MS will send an email to officially withdrawal the Drew Lot proposal

Winter Evenings Update:

- ❖ The next three upcoming speakers are TCC-selected speakers.
- ❖ Reviews of WE have been positive.

Biofinder/Wetland Review:

- ❖ EM will review biofinder with TCC members at our March meeting.

Other business:

- ❖ **Trails and Forest Committee Reps:** An idea was presented to have an official representative of TCC to join the Trails Committee and also Forest Committee.

BG is noted as the current representative from TCC to the trails committee and we will revisit and elect a representative at our April meeting.

- ❖ **Trails & Wildlife:** We discussed trails, trail usage, and request for TCC to advise with cost/benefit, data, and research surrounding trails and trail impact on wildlife.

Action Item: EM will create and share a folder for curating research articles regarding the effect (cost/benefit) of trails on wildlife.

Action Item: Members can add to this folder and we will reconvene on this topic next meeting.

- ❖ **Invasives:** We are interested in pursuing a guest speaker to help guide us through learning about invasives and creating a plan for managing invasive plants in Tunbridge.

Action Item: MS will share invasive plant connection - Mike Bald

Action Item: EM will inquire about using the school as a future location for teaching/managing invasive species.

- ❖ **Summer Speaker Series:** We discussed the possibility of hosting a summer speaker series and we brainstormed potential topics, listed below.
 - Plant Invasives (school - July?)
 - Beavers
 - Birds (3rd week May),
 - Wildflowers (June 20)
 - Native plants? (CM)

- ❖ **Elections & Officers:** We agree to vote on officers during our April meeting.

Wildlife Reports:

Meeting Adjourned